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22 23 24 25	22 A. Did not. 23 Q. Other than Highland's legal counsel, did you 24 talk to anyone else about or strike that. 25 Other than Highland's legal counsel, did you
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1 KRISTIN HENDRIX, 2 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows: 3 EXAMINATION 4 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Good morning. If you'll 5 state your name. 6 A. Kristin Hendrix. 7 Q. We're doing this both ways. You're on the 8 Zoom remotely and they can see you, but I would ask 9 that you and I maintain eye contact. Of course, if 10 someone is asking you on the Zoom, then maintain 11 contact with them, if that's okay with you. 12 A. Sure. 13 Q. Have you been deposed before? 14 A. No. 15 Q. So I'm sure your counsel explained to you, 16 but very quickly, you understand that you're testifying 17 under oath and penalty of perjury as though you were in	<ul> <li>talk to anyone about Frank Waterhouse's deposition from</li> <li>last week?</li> <li>A. I did not.</li> <li>Q. Did you review strike that.</li> <li>Did you see any of the video of</li> <li>Mr. Waterhouse's deposition?</li> <li>A. Nope.</li> <li>Q. Same questions now for Mr. Seery, S-e-e-r-y.</li> <li>Did you read any portion or the whole of</li> <li>Mr. Seery's deposition from last week?</li> <li>A. I did not.</li> <li>Q. See any of the video?</li> <li>A. No.</li> <li>Q. Did you see any synopsis or summary of his</li> <li>deposition?</li> <li>A. No.</li> <li>Q. Did you talk to him about his deposition?</li> </ul>
17 under oath and penalty of perjury as though you were in 18 a court of law? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. And you understand my job is to ask clear 21 questions that you understand? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. And if for whatever reason you don't 24 understand my questions, please let me know or ask me 25 to rephrase; otherwise, I'm going to assume that you	17 Q. Did you talk to him about his deposition? 18 A. I did not. 19 Q. Other than talking to Highland's counsel, did 20 you talk to anyone about Mr. Seery's deposition? 21 A. No. 22 Q. Other than talking to Highland's counsel, did 23 you talk to anyone about your deposition today? 24 A. Just John Morris and Dave Klos. 25 Q. When did you talk to Mr. Klos, K-1-o-s?

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- 1 A. First time about this was last Friday. And
- 2 then again Monday this week. And yesterday. And this
- 3 morning.
- 4 Q. Friday was there any lawyer present during
- 5 vour discussion with Mr. Klos?
- A. Yes, every time Mr. Morris was present.
- 7 MR. RUKAVINA: Is it your position that those
- 8 four discussions would be privileged, Counsel?
- q MR. MORRIS: Yes.
- 10 MR. RUKAVINA: Then we'll move on.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So we've established the
- 12 four times you talked to Mr. Klos with counsel present.
- 13 Did you do anything else related to or in preparation
- 14 for today's deposition?
- 15 A. Yes, probably went through and reviewed some
- 16 emails, documentation that I may have had that I need
- 17 to refresh memory on.
- 18 Q. These documents and emails that you might
- 19 have reviewed, did you supplementally provide them to
- 20 counsel or anyone else?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 O. This would have been in the last week or
- 23 10 days?
- 24 A. Yes.

2 Highland?

7 documents?

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13 please.

A. Yes.

25 Q. Prior to the last week or 10 days, are you

1 aware that my office served requests for production on

Q. And did you do anything prior to the last

Q. Is that something that you understand legal

Q. Let's go briefly now about your background,

5 week or 10 days to try to search both your personal

6 records and corporate records for any responsive

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And has your CPA license been current since
- 3 then?
- 4 A. Sure has.
- 5 Q. Have you faced any kind of disciplinary
- 6 action as a CPA?
- A. I have not.
- Q. Now, please walk me through your work
- 9 history. Let's say starting with after you graduated
- 11 A. Sure. December of 2005, which was shortly --
- 12 sorry, 2004, shortly after I graduated from
- 13 North Texas, I started at Highland. It was my first
- 14 real job out of college. I have been there ever since,
- 15 almost 17 years now.
- 16 Have worked in the corporate accounting
- 17 department the entire time. Started off as the AP
- 18 associate, and worked my way up over the years and
- 19 currently am the controller.
- 20 Q. So even when you were getting your MBA and
- 21 CPA you were employed by Highland?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Impressive. You're the controller today you
- 24 mentioned?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. That's -- when did you become the controller,
  - sometime February or March of this year?
  - 3 A. Yes.
  - 4 Q. Before you became the controller, what was
  - 5 your role at Highland?
  - A. Right before that I was assistant controller.
  - That was I believe April of 2020. Before that, the
  - senior accounting manager, and I held that position for
  - 9 years.
  - 10 Q. So in May of 2019 would you have been the
  - 11 senior -- you said senior account?
  - 12 A. Senior accounting manager I believe was my
  - 13 title.
  - 14 Q. And would that have been your title in May of
  - 15 2017?
  - 16 A. Yes, I believe so.
  - Q. And let's focus now on May 2019 as the senior
  - 18 accounting manager. How would you describe your role
  - 19 at Highland in May of 2019? What were your duties?
  - 20 A. Sure. I helped with treasury management
  - 21 function, cash forecasts and things like that. And
  - 22 oversaw the financial reporting from the last batch of

  - 23 AP to all the way to financials and reporting on
  - 24 audits.
  - 25 Q. Who did you report to in May of 2019?

14 Where do you live? 15 A. I live in Denton, Texas.

16 Q. And what is your date of birth, please? 17

A. Not that I recall.

10 counsel was charged with?

A. Yes.

A. January 26, 1982. Q. And walk me through your educational

19 background, starting with any postsecondary, if any,

schooling or college or anything like that.

21 A. Sure. Graduated in 2004 from the University

- 22 of North Texas with a degree in finance. Went on to
- 23 get my MBA from SMU in 2009. And then went further and
- 24 got my CPA license I believe in 2015.
- Q. In the state of Texas?

Kristin Hendrix - October 27, 2021 13 15 1 A. David Klos. A. Yes, you can say the debtor. 2 Q. What was Mr. Klos' title to your 2 Q. So when I say the debtor and you say the 3 understanding back then? 3 debtor we understand each other to mean Highland 4 A. I believe he was the controller. Capital Management, comma, LP; correct? A. Correct. Q. And do you have an understanding as to who 6 Mr. Klos reported to back then? 6 Q. I apologize. In the December 2020 period, I A. Yes, Frank Waterhouse. would imagine that the debtor had its own -- that was -- strike that. Q. Frank Waterhouse. Who was he in May of 2019? We'll cut to the chase. 10 In December of 2020, the debtor was providing 10 Q. Is Mr. Klos still with Highland today? 11 services to various other entities affiliated with 11 A. He is. 12 Mr. Dondero; correct? 12 Q. What is his role now? 13 A. Correct. A. He's now CFO. 14 Q. That would have included NexPoint Advisors, 14 Q. You mentioned treasury management as of 2019, 15 May. What do you mean by treasury management? What is 15 LP? 16 that? 16 A. Correct. 17 A. Generally speaking, we -- it's not just me as 17 Q. And you're aware that NexPoint Advisors was 18 the obligor on at least one promissory note to the 18 one person. We have checks and balances. debtor: correct? My team would be in charge of sending out 20 A. Correct. 20 payments, reconciling bank statements, making sure 21 Q. And did the debtor in December 2020 provide 21 money is in the right accounts, creating cash forecasts 22 so-called treasury management services to NexPoint 22 and reporting on those every week with the CFO and 23 Advisors? oftentimes the CEO. MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 24 24 Generally that's everything that fell under 25 question. 25 the umbrella. 14 16 1 THE WITNESS: Yes. Q. And would your description of treasury Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) As part of that, in 2 management be the same for the December 2020 period? 2 A. Yes. 3 December 2020, would it have been employees of the 4 Q. Who at Highland or which group at Highland in debtor that would have scheduled for potential payment, 5 December of 2020 would have been responsible for noting 5 subject to approval by NexPoint, NexPoint's future 6 that there are certain bills that need to be paid in obligations as they were coming due? 7 7 the near or subsequent future. A. Yes, we would have scheduled, only with 8 By way of, let's say, accounts payable or promissory notes or taxes or anything like that? Q. And would that have included NexPoint's 10 A. Can you repeat your question. 10 obligations on the promissory note to Highland? 11 Q. Sure. So obviously, Highland was a pretty 11 A. Yes. 12 sophisticated business; correct? 12 Q. Back to your background briefly. 13 A. Yeah. 13 Do you have any legal training at all? 14 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form. 14 A. I do not. 15 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) And had various accounts 15 Q. Do you have any courses, have you taken any 16 payable; right? 16 courses in drafting promissory notes? 17 **17** 

18 Q. And it had maybe, let's just say, certain 19 note obligations that it had to pay from time to time; 20

21 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 22 question. Do you mean Highland Capital?

23 MR. RUKAVINA: I mean Highland Capital

24 Management; correct, I'm sorry. The debtor.

25 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Can we say the debtor?

18 Q. Do you believe that your expertise as a 19 certified public accountant gives you any greater qualification than anyone else to prepare a promissory 21 note? 22 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the

23 question.

24 THE WITNESS: No.

25 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Have you ever prepared or

Kristin Hendrix - October 27, 2021 17 19 1 drafted a promissory note? 1 Q. By updating, what do you mean? A. That term is probably used loosely. I have A. There's a few things that would need 3 not completely drafted a promissory note from scratch, updating, the date. Q. Maker? 4 no. 5 5 Q. And we'll go into the details. Fair to say A. Maker. 6 that you have taken a form promissory note and revised 6 Q. Amount? 7 it? A. The dollar amount, the interest rate. 8 Q. And is it your testimony that the corporate A. Absolutely. 9 Q. Was this part of your job in May of 2019 at accounting group would do these things on its own 10 Highland? without necessarily the involvement of the legal group? 11 11 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the A. Yes. 12 question. 12 Q. Going back to the May 2019 time frame, were 13 13 you part of a particular group at Highland, like THE WITNESS: Generally, yes. 14 accounting or legal or compliance? 14 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you have any memory in 15 A. Yes, corporate accounting. 15 or before May of 2019 if the corporate -- I'm sorry, if 16 16 the legal group became involved in drafting or Q. Corporate accounting. That's what you 17 executing any prior intercompany promissory notes? described before about treasury management and 18 projections and forecasts? 18 A. Yes. 19 A. Yes. 19 Q. Explain to me what you remember about that. 20 Q. In May of 2019, was it the practice at 20 A. I do know that they were involved with 21 Highland that corporate accounting would be responsible 21 drafting restructured notes. So taking demand notes and turning them into a 30-year amort note. for drafting intercompany promissory notes? 23 That was in 2017. I know for sure that they 23 A. Not necessarily drafting, but updating a 24 draft that had been previously produced and provided by 24 were involved in that because it was something 25 our legal team, yes. 25 different. We weren't just updating a demand note. 18 20 Q. Is it your testimony that to the best of your 1 Q. And Highland in May -- the debtor in May of 2 2019 did have a legal department? recollection by May of 2019 and in May of 2019 it would 3 A. Yes. 3 have been the corporate accounting group that would 4 Q. Kind of like the corporate accounting, there 4 have handled routine intercompany demand notes? 5 was a separate legal department; correct? A. Correct. Q. And you can think of more than one instance Q. And who would have been in charge of that on which that happened? 8 department in May of 2019? A. Scott Ellington, E-l-l-i-n-g-t-o-n. Q. And this is not a memory test, but going back 10 Q. In May of 2019 or by May of 2019 was there 10 in time can you try to give an estimate of what year 11 any practice at Highland as to whether its legal 11 that first started happening, that the corporate

- 12 department would be involved with the drafting or
- execution of any intercompany promissory notes?
- 14 **MR. MORRIS:** Objection to the form of the 15 question.
- 16 THE WITNESS: It depends on the note.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) What did it depend on?
- 18 A. Our typical practice is if we have a loan
- with certain affiliates that it's a demand note. We
- have a template that we have used for years that was
- 21 created by either our internal legal team or an outside
- 22 law firm, I'm not sure which.
- 23 The typical practice is always updating a few
- 24 things on that template, getting it executed, and
- 25 filing it in our audit folders.

- 12 accounting would handle the drafting or execution of
- 13 intercompany demand notes?
- 14 A. As far as I can remember.
- 15 Q. Is it your testimony that as -- maybe even
- 16 going back as far as 2005 there were intercompany
- 17 demand notes?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. I don't know how to ask this question, but
- 20 was this a significant thing in corporate accounting or
- 21 just another routine deal when you handled demand
- 22 notes?
- 23 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 24 question.
- 25 THE WITNESS: This is a routine job duty that

23 21 1 we routinely did. 1 A. If the debtor needed cash to lend to another 2 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Between 2005 and 2019, do 2 entity. 3 Q. I see. So again, it's all one big happy 3 you remember any maker on these intercompany demand 4 notes actually being required to pay a demand note, in 4 family, and whoever needed cash, the cash moved around; 5 other words, Highland making demand? 5 correct? A. Not that I can specifically recall. 6 A. Correct. Q. Do you have any recollection as to what Q. Was it Mr. Dondero that basically was the 8 happened to these intercompany demand notes over the 8 only deciding person in each instance that you're aware years between 2005 and 2019? 9 of in those 14 years as to when a note would be made or 10 A. Yeah. Typically anytime specifically Jim 10 renaid? 11 Dondero would need to move money between related 11 A. I can't answer specifically to that. Most of 12 parties, he would pay down -- when I say him, he would 12 my direction came from our CFO at the time, 13 have us in corporate accounting move money around, pay 13 Frank Waterhouse. So what conversations he would have 14 off notes, reissue new notes somewhere else. 14 with Jim Dondero, I can't answer to that. But I would 15 So a way to move money around between his 15 suspect so, yes. Q. And in May of 2019 or by May of 2019, did you 16 entities 17 Q. So let's use just hypotheticals here so that 17 communicate personally, by email or telephone, in I'm not trying to pin you down to any specific fact. 18 18 person, periodically with Jim Dondero? 19 But between 2005 and 2019, is it fair to say A. I can't say periodically, no. 20 that if some Dondero entity that's not the debtor 20 Q. Well, I'm not trying to put words in your 21 needed money and the debtor had money, then Dondero 21 mouth. Is it fair to say that you kind of -- your would have the debtor lend money to that entity on a 22 communications stopped with Mr. Waterhouse and 23 demand note basis? 23 Waterhouse communicated with Dondero, as opposed to you 24 A. So long as they have the cash available to do 24 regularly communicating with Dondero? 25 so. A. That's typical, yes. 22 24 Q. "They" being the debtor? 1 Q. Can you think of any instances in which 2 A. Debtor, yes. 2 Mr. Dondero gave you any instructions or you came to Q. And is it fair to say, then, again 3 him seeking any instructions, without some intermediary 4 hypothetically without any specifics, that if the 4 between the two of you? 5 debtor maybe from time to time needed money and one of A. No, usually Frank was present. 6 these other entities had cash, then Dondero would cause Q. Would you categorize Mr. Waterhouse as kind 7 of guarding with jealousy his access to Mr. Dondero? that other entity to pay down the demand note? 8 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 8 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 9 question. 9 question. 10 10 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat that. THE WITNESS: No. 11 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Sure. So I think you 11 O. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) What kind of boss was he 12 mentioned that from time to time these entities would 12 in May of 2019? Was he laid back, or was he a jerk? 13 pay down these demand notes? 13 Was he demanding? How would you characterize him in 14 A. To the debtor? 14 May of 2019? MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 15 O. To the debtor. 15 16 A. Yes. 16 question. 17 Q. And is that, hypothetically again, is that 17 THE WITNESS: I would say he was a good boss.

18 because on occasion the debtor might have needed cash 19 and these entities had the cash, so Dondero would have 20 them pay back the note? 21 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 22 question.

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, that could be a reason.

Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Can you think of any other 24 25 reason in those 14 years?

A. Yes. Q. January 2021? 24 25 A. Yes.

19 as far as his job went?

A. Yes, very competent.

22 job went in December of 2020?

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Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) You think he was competent

Q. Do you think he was competent as far as his

27 25 1 Q. Was he patient and understanding as a boss? 1 A. Correct. 2 A. Yes. Q. And how Highland, reorganized Highland 3 Q. Okay. Was he ever condescending or rude to 3 collects these promissory notes is going to play no 4 anyone in your presence? part in your base and bonus compensation to your 5 A. No. 5 understanding; is that correct? 6 Q. So you're the controller today at Highland, A. To my knowledge, yes. 7 the debtor, the reorganized debtor; right? Q. So you have no direct or indirect stake in 8 the outcome of these litigations? A. Yes. Q. And who do you report to? You mentioned 10 Mr. Klos is the CFO? 10 Q. And you understand that I represent HCMFA and 11 A. Yes. 11 NexPoint? 12 Q. And do you also report to Mr. Seery? 12 A. Yes. 13 A. Yes, I think everybody does. Q. And these court reporters are not familiar 13 14 Q. And I don't need to know details, but I take 14 with some of our terminology. NAP [verbatim], if we 15 it you're on a salary from reorganized Highland? 15 say that, that means NexPoint; right? A. Yes. A. Uh-huh. 16 17 Q. Is any part of your compensation merit or 17 Q. You have to say yes or no. 18 bonus based? 18 A. Yes, NPA, NexPoint. 19 A. It could potentially be. 19 Q. NPA. And when we say NexPoint, you and I are 20 Q. Have you had any discussions with Mr. Seery 20 meaning NexPoint Advisors, LP; right? 21 or Mr. Klos about some sort of bonus compensation? 21 A. Yes. 22 A. Yes. 22 Q. And when we say HCMFA, we're meaning Highland 23 Q. Has anything been agreed to? 23 Capital Management Fund Advisors, LP, yes? 24 A. Yes. 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. And again, I don't need to know the exact 25 Q. What is your understanding of the two 26 28 1 numbers. What would your bonus compensation consist 1 lawsuits, the one against HCMFA and the one against 2 of? How would it be decided? NexPoint, that you're being deposed on today? A. It's actually -- was decided when I agreed to 3 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 4 stay on the Highland team back in February 2021, so 4 question. 5 it's in my employment agreement. 5 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Who is suing who and for Q. So what's your bonus compensation? 6 what? A. I'm not sure I understand what you're asking. A. I don't know all the details. Q. So is the bonus discretionary on the part of Q. So we've established that you've discussed 9 Highland? these lawsuits in the last week or a little bit more 10 A. No, it's a set amount. 10 with legal counsel. I don't want to talk about that. 11 Q. And what triggers it or governs the set 11 Prior to these recent discussions, did you 12 have any discussions with anyone at Highland about its 13 A. Just it gets paid out on a certain date of 13 lawsuits against HCMFA and NexPoint on promissory 14 the year. It's very straightforward, set out in my 14 notes? 15 employment agreement. 15 A. Repeat that again. 16 Q. Is it irrespective of the performance of the 16 Q. Sure. So remember we're excluding the recent 17 reorganized debtor? 17 discussions in the last week or 10 days with counsel; A. Yes. 18 right? 19 19 Q. So why do you call it a bonus instead of base A. Okay. Q. Are you aware that in January of 2021 the 20 compensation? 20 21 A. That's what it's called in my agreement. 21 debtor sued NexPoint to collect on a promissory note? 22 Q. So your base compensation and your bonus, 22 A. I'm aware that demand notices were sent.

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O. So until recently you weren't aware that a

A. There's a lot of lawsuits filed. I can't

24 lawsuit had been filed?

23 it's your testimony, you're going to earn it

25 or bad with respect to its profitability?

24 irrespective of whether reorganized Highland does good

31 1 keep track of what is what or what we're talking about 1 about either or both of these two promissory notes? 2 at certain times. A. Sure, yes. Q. But you have no distinct memory of that? 3 Q. What do you remember? 3 4 A. Correct. A. I remember seeing them because I've recently 5 Q. And same question for the lawsuit that the 5 looked at them. I see them all the time in our loan 6 debtor filed against HCMFA in January. 6 tracking spreadsheets. My team would have been Do you have any specific memory of that responsible for the whole process that I explained 8 lawsuit having been filed? before when it comes to a promissory note. A. Not specifically. Q. And --10 Q. You mentioned that you're aware that on or 10 MR. MORRIS: Are you finished? 11 before January 2021, demand letters had been sent? 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) And we have an email here 12 Q. Did you play any role in either drafting 13 13 that might give some more context to that if I can find 14 those demand letters or the decision to send them? 15 A. No. 15 This will be Exhibit 3. This is an email O. So going back to my question about these 16 16 from David Klos to corporate accounting dated May 2, 17 lawsuits, do you have any memory of anyone asking 17 18 you -- again, excluding the last week or two. 18 (Whereupon, Exhibit 3 was marked for 19 Do you have any memory of anyone asking you 19 identification.) 20 to do anything with respect to either or both of these 20 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you see this email, 21 lawsuits? 21 ma'am? 22 A. No. 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. You have no memory of Mr. Waterhouse, 23 Q. Okay. Corporate accounting, would that email 24 Mr. Klos, Mr. Surgent, or Mr. Seery asking for any group have included you? 25 background information or your input at all on these A. Yes. 30 32 1 two lawsuits? 1 Q. And this email says, Kristin, can you or MR. MORRIS: Better not have been --2 Hayley. Do you think that Kristin was you? 2 3 THE WITNESS: No. 3 A. I do. 4 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Who did I say? Did I 4 Q. Do you remember receiving this email? 5 misspeak? Okay. 5 A. Not explicitly. Q. So it says Blair. Who would Blair be? 6 Now we're going to have some exhibits here. 7 7 A. Blair was our AP associate. And do you have the labels? 8 Let's take a minute break off the record. 8 Q. What is her last name? A. At this time it would have been Roeber, (Off the record.) 10 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Ms. Hendrix, I'm going to 10 R-o-e-b-e-r. 11 provide to you a promissory note in the original 11 Q. Okay. And did it subsequently change? 12 principal amount of \$5 million from HCMFA. This is the 12 A. Yes, it's now Hillis, H-i-l-i-s. 13 PDF version of this as filed with the Court for Q. Please send \$2.4 million from HCMLP to HCMFA. 13 14 collection. It's going to be Exhibit 1. 14 This is a new interco loan. Kristin, can you or Hayley 15 (Whereupon, Exhibit 1 was marked for please prep a note for execution. I'll have further 16 16 instructions later today, but please process this identification.) 17 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Before you look at 17 payment as soon as possible. 18 Exhibit 1, I'm going to do the same thing for 18 Did I read that correctly? 19 Exhibit 2, which is a promissory note from HCMFA for 19 20 \$2.4 million, dated May 2, 2019. Q. Do you have any memory of whether this email 20 21 (Whereupon, Exhibit 2 was marked for 21 relates to Exhibit 2, the \$2.4 million promissory note? 22 22 identification.) A. It seems like it does, same date, same

23 amount.

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Q. Do you have any memory, or in reviewing your

25 files did you see any similar email or document that

O. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Again, Ms. Hendrix, these

24 are the PDF versions of these notes as filed with the

25 Court. Sitting here today, do you remember anything

33 35 1 would have related to Exhibit 1, the \$5 million 1 the door, is typically how this works. promissory note? Q. Is the answer generally the same for the A. Yes. I believe there's another email for 3 \$5 million note? 3 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. And do you believe that you provided that to Q. So is it fair to say that typically, 6 counsel? 6 obviously not every time, but typically your corporate 7 A. Yes. accounting group when it would see intercompany 8 Q. Recently or some time ago? transfers in large amounts would believe that they were A. Well, I don't think I provided it, so I'm not loans? sure when they got it. I know it has been provided. 10 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 11 Q. You know that it has? 11 question. 12 A. Uh-huh. 12 THE WITNESS: Typically they were loans. Q. How do you know? 13 13 There's not really another way to get money from one 14 A. Because I've seen it. 14 entity to another. And if they were papered as a loan, 15 Q. In the production that was produced to me? 15 that means we were told to set it up that way. 16 A. Yes. Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) What do you mean papered 17 Q. And also from a David Klos? 17 as a loan? Aren't you papering it as a loan when 18 A. This one, or on the -- when I say this one, someone makes the promissory note? 19 on the \$2.4 million or the 5-? 19 A. Yes, because we're told by somebody to do 20 Q. On the \$5 million note. 20 that. 21 A. I'm not sure. 21 Q. And in this instance, Mr. Klos on Exhibit 3 22 Q. Okay. Let me make sure I understand you 22 told the group that this was a loan; right? 23 correctly. 23 A. Correct. But he would have spoken with Sitting here today you believe that there is 24 24 Frank Waterhouse or Jim Dondero prior to that, before 25 another email referencing the \$5 million loan that has 25 telling anybody to do that. 34 36 1 been produced to my office? Q. Okay. And do you have any knowledge that he A. Yes. I believe so. 2 did speak to Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Dondero before 3 Q. Okay. And going off memory, did it kind of sending this email? 4 say the same thing as this Exhibit 3 except that it A. Again, I don't have specific knowledge on the 5 referenced \$5 million? 5 exact conversations, but that's always how it has 6 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 7 7 question. Q. That's how it was for 14 or 15 years; 8 THE WITNESS: Generally, should have said the 8 correct? 9 similar situation, yeah. A. Yes. 10 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So Mr. Klos says, this is Q. But you're logically assuming that it 11 a new interco loan, for Exhibit 3. Other than what he 11 happened here. You don't know that it happened here; 12 told you, that this is an intercompany loan, did anyone 12 correct? MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 13 else tell you or did you have any other information on 13

14 May 2, 2019 that this was a loan? 15 A. I don't specifically recall these 16 conversations, but I can tell you our normal practice 17 would be we would either likely be in a cash meeting --18 and I say "we." Would have been myself, Dave Klos, 19 Frank Waterhouse, potentially even Jim Dondero. 20 But I don't recall conversations on this 21 specific date. But general practice is we would talk 22 about it.

Oftentimes, Frank would either call Dave or I 24 or stop by and tell us that, we need to send money to 25 an affiliate, paper up a new loan, let's get a wire out

14 question. THE WITNESS: I would have to be fairly 15 16 certain that it did, even though I can't recall specific conversations. 18 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Did you ask Mr. Klos about 19 who told him that this is a new intercompany loan on 20 Exhibit 3? 21 A. No. It's quite possible I was involved in 22 the conversation. I reported to him. I wouldn't question his authority. 24 Q. Did you ask Mr. Klos who told him that the 25 \$5 million deal was also an intercompany loan?

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- 1 A. I did not ask that specific question that I 2 can recall.
- 3 Q. Did you ask Mr. Waterhouse whether either of 4 these transactions were loans?
- 5 A. I'm sure Mr. Waterhouse is the one that told
- 6 us they were loans. We wouldn't just paper up a loan,
- 7 send money out and call it a loan and account for it
- 8 that way, unless somebody specifically told us.
- Q. Do you have any memory of Mr. Waterhouse
- 10 orally or in writing or email or in any way, shape, or
- 11 form on or about May 2 or 3, 2019 telling you that the
- 12 2.4 million or \$5 million transfers were intercompany
- 13 loans?
- 14 A. No specific knowledge of exact conversations,
- 15 but I'm certain that those conversations were had
- 16 because that's the only way that we would have papered
- 17 up a loan, sent money out as a loan, had them on our
- 18 financials for two years.
- 19 Q. So you're saying that this email, Exhibit 3,
- 20  $\,$  from Mr. Klos was not enough, that there would have
- 21 been other things that happened to make you and other
- 22 people in your group confident that these were loans?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And these other things would have been in
- 25 person or by email?

- 1 a consent fee that the advisor of the Global Allocation
- 2 Fund had promised to pay to shareholders of that fund,
- 3 and it was in the amount of \$5 million roughly.
- 4 So both of these loans were for those
- 5 purposes respectfully.
- Q. And were you in May of 2019 also aware that
- 7 in addition to the \$2.4 million, there was another more
- 8 than \$5 million paid to that fund by HCMFA's insurer as
- 9 compensation for the NAV error?
  - A. By the insurance company, yes.
- 11 Q. So the \$7.4 million, you understood then was
- 12 a loan as opposed to compensation to HCMFA?
- 13 A. Yes.

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- 14 Q. Okay. Did you understand in May of 2019 that
- 15 it had been the debtor and its valuation team that
- 16 caused that NAV error?
  - MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 18 question.
  - THE WITNESS: I can't answer that. I was not
- 20 involved with the activities leading up to the NAV
- 21 error.

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- Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) How do you know that the
- 23 \$7.4 million were being transferred for the NAV error
- 24 and consent fee?
- 25 A. Because I do know about both of those

- 1 A. Most likely in person via phone call.
- Q. Okay. So again, you have no specific memory
- 3 of it, but based on the 14-year pattern and conduct you
- 4 believe that you would have discussed these two
- 5 transfers with Mr. Waterhouse and he would have told
- 6 you these are loans?
- 7 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 8 question.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) And then would he have
- 11 told you to take care of the promissory notes, or was
- 12 that Mr. Klos here in Exhibit 3?
- 13 A. It could have been both. It's clearly Dave
- 14 in this email, but Frank could have also said that to
- 15 me.
- 16 Q. Now, do you -- strike that.
- 17 In May of 2019, did you know or were you told
- 18 why these \$7.4 million were being transferred from the
- 19 debtor to HCMFA?
- 20 A. Yes. I do have recollection that -- I do
- 21 know that there were two big events in May 2019.
- 22 2.4 million was related to a TerreStar NAV error, with
- 23 one of the funds advised by HCMFA. That's Global
- 24 Allocation Fund.
- 25 Similar with the \$5 million loan. There was

- 1 instances and I do know that HCMFA needed to pay these
- 2 dollar amounts for both of those.
- 3 Q. And you knew that in May of 2019?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. How did you know that in May of 2019?
- 6 A. It was lots of discussions had been going on
- 7 around both of these issues for months. These weren't
- 8 surprises to anybody.
- 9 Q. So although you weren't involved directly
- 10 with the NAV error issues, it was more or less common
- 11 knowledge in your accounting group?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Do you have any knowledge at all as to
- 14 whether Mr. Dondero decided to transfer these
- 15 \$7.4 million not as a loan, but to compensate HCMFA for
- 16 the debtor's alleged liability?
- 17 A. Have not heard of that.
- 18 Q. Ever?
- 19 A. Never.
- 20 Q. But you also never heard Mr. Dondero say that
- 21 these \$7.4 million were a loan; correct?
- 22 A. That was not told to me directly.
- Q. Again, you're logically assuming that based
- 24 on many instances of intercompany transfers in the
- 25 14 years prior to that?

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43 41 1 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 1 answers don't count and I'm in trouble. 2 question. Mischaracterizes the testimony. 6 will be the \$5 million note, and 7 will be 3 THE WITNESS: Correct. 3 the \$2.4 million note. 4 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) I think you answered 4 (Whereupon, Exhibits 6 & 7 were marked for 5 correct? 5 identification.) 6 A. Correct. 6 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Okay. So Exhibit 4 and 5 Q. And you mentioned that after these notes, you 7 are the Word documents. Do you have any memory of you 8 saw them on internal financials and that reinforces doing anything with respect to these two Word your view that these were loans? documents? 10 10 A. Correct. A. I don't have specific memory, but generally Q. But as of May 2 and 3, 2019, no one had told 11 11 speaking, it was my job to update promissory note 12 you directly that these are loans? 12 templates and create promissory notes. 13 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 13 Q. So do you believe that -- we discussed 14 question. It's in writing. 14 earlier that your group would have used a template and 15 THE WITNESS: That's not what I'm saying at 15 that it would have made changes reflecting the maker, 16 all. 16 amount, date, interest rate. 17 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Other than Mr. Klos' email Do you believe you were the one with respect 18 or emails, no one told you on May 2 or May 3, 2019 that 18 to 4 and 5 that updated that template to create 4 you remember today that these were loans? 19 20 A. It quite possibly could have been told to me 20 A. I'm sure that I was, yes. 21 in addition to this email. 21 Q. Well, Exhibit 6 -- do you know what metadata 22 Q. I understand. You just have no memory of 22 is? 23 that today; correct? 23 A. Sort of. 24 A. Correct. 24 Q. What's your understanding of what metadata 25 Q. Is there anything that you can think of 25 is? 42 44 1 A. Just in context from speaking on it recently, 1 sitting here today to refresh your memory on that it's going to tell you who made changes to the 2 point? A. I do not think so. I'm sure there was documents, is what I would assume. 4 conversation that unfortunately would not be in an 4 MR. RUKAVINA: Go off the record for one 5 5 second. 6 Q. Now, we have the Word documents, the Word 6 (Off the record.) 7 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So a little bit of error version of these two promissory notes, and you're going to have rely on me that I printed these out as on my part. We'll have some more metadata, but we can Mr. Morris sent to me. If I'm misleading you on that, still talk about 6 and 7. 10 then I'm in trouble and your answers don't count. 10 It says the author JFORSHEE, J-F-O-R-S-H-E-E. 11 11 Do you recall or do you know who that person was? So please assume that I didn't doctor these 12 and that I printed them out as they were prepared to A. I recognize the name, and it makes sense. 13 me; okay? 13 This says Strasburger is the company. I think he was 14 A. Yes. one of the lawyers that we had used at some point in 15 O. So Exhibit 4 will be the \$5 million note and 15 time. 16 Exhibit 5 will be the 2.4 million. 16 Q. Strasburger is a law firm? **17** (Whereupon, Exhibits 4 & 5 were marked for **17** 18 identification.) 18 Q. And then it says, so Exhibit 6 created May 3, 19 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Before I ask about 4 and 19 Exhibit 7 created May 2, modified, accessed. Does that 20 5, to be fair to you and refresh your memory, I'm going to the best of your understanding comport with when 21 Exhibits 4 and 5 were actually created? 21 to provide you printouts of the metadata, metadata --22 I'm not sure how to better say that -- for both notes. 22 A. Can you repeat that. 23 O. Yeah. We'll wait for the rest of the And again I'm representing to you that I 23 24 metadata. But let's go back to 4 and 5. 24 printed out the metadata without doctoring it, so

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In and by May 2019 I think you mentioned that

25 please assume that's true, and if it's not, your

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- 1 it was your job to, I think you said update promissory
- 2 notes?
- 3 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 4 question.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Let me take that question
- 6 back.
- You testified earlier that your group would
- $8\,\,$  have taken a template and used it to create or prepare
- 9 a new promissory note; right?
- 10 A. Right.
- 11 Q. How would you call that process? What word
- 12 would you use for that process?
- 13 A. Let's call it papering the loan.
- 14 Q. In May of 2019, was it your job to paper the
- 15 loan?
- 16 A. Yes
- 17 Q. Would anyone else at the corporate accounting
- 18 group have been responsible to paper a loan?
- 19 A. At that time, I don't think so. I think I
- 20 was the one doing it.
- Q. I think you mentioned that you think you
- 22 papered the loan, respecting Exhibits 4 and 5; correct?
- 23 A. Correct.

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- Q. You have no distinct present memory of
- 25 papering 4 and 5; correct?

- 1 that Mr. Waterhouse's signature there appears on the
- 2 Word document as an image.
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. Do you have any memory of whether there was
- 5 an image that someone would have affixed of
- 6 Mr. Waterhouse's signature to promissory notes?
- A. Yes. We typically always -- he was
- 8 completely fine with having documentations -- sorry,
- 9 having documents signed or executed with his
- 10 e-signature.
- 11 Q. Would these pictures of his signature have
- 12 been his e-signature in May of 2019?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So let's just clarify that because I don't
- 15 want there to be any confusion.
- 16 I know there's some computer programs out
- 17 there that are restrictive and have passwords before
- 18 any signature is printed. And then there's some people
- 19 that use a stamp or an image; right?
- 20 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 21 question.
- Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Are you following me?
- 23 A. I follow you.
- Q. In May of 2019, did Mr. Waterhouse have any
- 25 specific program that would have to -- you would have

- A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Can you think of anyone else at the corporate
- 3 accounting group that would have papered 4 and 5?
- 4 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 5 question.
- 6 THE WITNESS: The only other person that
- 7 could have would either be Dave Klos or Hayley Eliason.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) What was Hayley's role in
- 9 May of 2019?
- 10 A. She was the accountant. I can't recall her
- 11 specific title.
- Q. Now, in May of 2019 when you papered a loan,
- 13 would you have consulted with either internal or
- 14 external legal before finishing that loan or presenting
- 15 it for signature or anything else?
- 16 A. Not if it was just our standard demand note
- 17 that we already had a template on.
- 18 Q. So would it have been your general course in
- 19 May of 2019, if you prepared Exhibits 4 and 5, not to
- 20 seek advice from internal or legal before proceeding
- 21 with these notes?
- 22 A. With these two specific notes?
- 23 Q. Yes.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. If we flip the page, I'll represent to you

- 1 to go through before it would spit out his e-signature,
- 2 or was he fine with you and his staff using an image
- 3 like this?
- A. He was fine with using his e-signature, and
- 5 what is on these documents was that exact e-signature.
- 6 So I don't know if he had -- I don't know how it was
- 7 created originally.
- **8 Q.** The e-signature?
- 9 A. E-signature.
- 10 Q. Do you have any memory with respect to
- 11 Exhibits 4 and 5 of getting Mr. Waterhouse's specific
- 12 approval to use his e-signature?
- 3 A. I don't have exact specific memory, same as
- 14 conversations on these loans. But he would have had to
- 15 approve this loan in the dollar amount, the day.
- 16 He would have been the one directing us to
- 17 create these loans. In past practice he has always
- 18 approved using his e-signature to execute documents.
- 19 Q. How would he have approved Exhibits 4 and 5?
- 0 By that, I mean by email or memorandum? How would he
- 21 have approved it in May of 2019?
- MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 23 question.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I would assume that, as I've
- 25 stated previously, these directions were coming

49 51 1 directly from him to paper a loan. These changes that 1 Q. But you have no memory of that authority or 2 are made are only to the dollar amount. Interest rate approval, specifically for 4 and 5? 3 is pulled right off the IRS website. MR. MORRIS: Objection. Asked and answered 4 That is his approval to paper a loan and in 4 about five times. 5 fact execute or approve the loan. 5 THE WITNESS: Same as my answer I just gave. Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) In May of 2019, would 6 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) And I think you mentioned 7 Mr. Waterhouse -- what was his practice as far as using 7 that in your years at Highland your team papered hundreds of loans? 8 an ink signature on documents as opposed to an e-signature? Did he have a practice? A. Yeah. 10 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 10 Q. In your time at Highland, is it your 11 question. 11 testimony that the accounting -- corporate accounting 12 12 department never made a mistake with respect to THE WITNESS: He has never specifically said, 13 on certain documents I would like to ink it with my 13 anything that it did? 14 signature. Probably at this time, 99 percent of the 14 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 15 stuff my team got his signature on was his e-signature. 15 question. 16 I think it just depended on the group and what it was. THE WITNESS: No, I did not say that. 16 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So how would he authorize Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you recall any mistakes 17 in your time at the corporate accounting group at 18 you or your team to use his e-signature for any given document in May of 2019? Highland that had been made, any significant mistakes? 20 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 20 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 21 question. 21 question. 22 THE WITNESS: Through the conversations that 22 THE WITNESS: Significant mistakes, not that 23 would have been had before these emails went out saying 23 I can recall. paper loan. 24 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) No accounts payable Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) And -- okay. So, and 25 mistakenly paid? 50 52 1 after his e-signature was used either on these notes or 1 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 2 other documents in May of 2019, would you have brought 2 question. the documents back to him for any kind of verification? 3 THE WITNESS: I cannot specifically answer 4 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 4 that question with 17 years of work to recall, sorry. 5 question. 5 MR. RUKAVINA: Just take a quick break. If THE WITNESS: Probably not. These are all you need a restroom -- off the record. 7 very standard. We've papered hundreds of loans. So I (Off the record.) 8 think he trusted that we can handle updating a date and 8 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Going back to Exhibits 4 a dollar amount on these loan templates. and 5. 10 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you know or believe, or 10 Mr. Waterhouse signed these promissory notes. 11 your recent review of documents, did it reveal an email 11 Is there any particular reason why he signed them as 12 from Mr. Waterhouse to you specifically authorizing his 12 opposed to Dondero or someone else? 13 e-signature on Exhibits 4 and/or 5? 13 A. No particular reason. He's an officer for 14 A. Not that I recall seeing, no. 14 both companies. He's a signatory. Q. Sitting here today, do you have any memory of 15 Q. Who decided, if anyone, to your knowledge, 16 Mr. Waterhouse orally or otherwise specifically 16 that he would be the one signing the notes, these two 17 authorizing you to affix his e-signature to Exhibits 4 17 A. I don't know who would have decided that, but 18 and/or 5? 18 19 A. Specifically on these loans, no, I don't typically if Frank specifically wanted Jim Dondero to 19 20 recall those conversations. But, again, our practice sign it, he would say, take it to Jim to sign. 21 has always been we have this discussion, he's under the 21 Q. Do you have a recollection of 22 understanding that we're going to paper the loans, he's 22 Mr. Dondero -- strike that.

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Do you have a recollection of Mr. Waterhouse

A. Yes. I know for sure he has signed other

24 signing other promissory notes?

always comfortable with using his e-signature.

This is not something me or my team would

25 have done without that authority and approval from him.

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55 53 1 promissory notes. I can't tell you explicitly which 1 Q. Well, let's go back a little bit in time. 2 ones. Would you agree that at some point prior to 3 (Off the record.) 3 2019 the standard course was that paper notes were ink 4 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Are you saying that in May 4 signed? 5 of 2019 -- strike that. 5 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 6 By May of 2019, was it not the standard 6 question. 7 practice at the debtor that Mr. Dondero would sign THE WITNESS: I could not tell you intercompany promissory notes? specifically when notes were or were not ink signed. 9 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Was there any repository, 10 question. 10 to the best of your recollection, as of May 2019 where 11 THE WITNESS: No, that's not standard 11 any ink-signed original promissory notes were kept by 12 the debtor? 12 practice. Just needed to be somebody -- somebody who 13 is a signer for the entity on the incumbency 13 A. No. We always would scan them in, save them 14 certificate. 14 on our shared drive. Never had paper copies. 15 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Was there a standard 15 Q. So that's -- fixing to ask that question 16 practice, or did you just describe the standard 16 next. practice that it was someone on the incumbency So Exhibits 4 and 5, would they even have 17 18 certificate? 18 been printed after they were papered up? A. That's correct, somebody on the incumbency 19 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 20 certificate. Frank is a great prospect to sign, with 20 question. 21 giving direction to set loans up, send money out. Why 21 THE WITNESS: Possibly. Somebody could have 22 wouldn't he sign it. 22 23 23 Q. Do you have any memory sitting here today of Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you remember printing 24 Mr. Waterhouse telling you or agreeing that he would be 24 Exhibits 4 or 5 sitting here today? 25 signing these two promissory notes for HCMFA? A. I don't recall printing them myself, no. 54 56 1 Q. Would there have been a reason to print them A. Not specifically, but he didn't need to tell out if, as you said, the notes were stored 2 me. He typically would tell me if he wanted Jim to 3 sign them. 3 electronically? 4 4 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the Q. Sitting here today, do you have any memory of 5 giving Mr. Waterhouse these two promissory notes after 5 question 6 they were prepared? 6 THE WITNESS: There could be a reason. I A. I specifically don't remember walking into don't recall that I for any reason printed these 8 his office and providing it to him, but he could have particular notes. found it on our shared drive if he wanted to. Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So as of May 2019, is it 10 Q. Do you have any memory or in your recent 10 your testimony that notes that were papered up by the 11 review of documents did you see any email to the effect 11 corporate accounting group would have been saved 12 of you sending either or both of these promissory notes 12 electronically on the system and not kept by way of 13 paper copies in some file? 13 to Mr. Waterhouse after they were papered up? A. I don't have any specific recollection, 14 A. Correct. That's right. 15 again, but he had access to look at them. 15 Q. This is additional metadata. And you 16

Q. On the shared drive? 17 A. Yes. Q. In May -- I'm going to ask this question 19 multiple different ways, so let's start with kind of 20 the general. 21 In May or by May of 2019, was there a 22 repository, electronic or paper, where the debtor kept 23 original promissory notes that were owed -- where money 24 was owed to it? 25 A. Original meaning paper?

16 understand I have a bit of an accent. **17** What are we on? 18 (Off the record.) 19 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Ms. Hendrix, Exhibit 8 is going to be additional metadata for the May 3, 2019, note that we've been looking at, and Exhibit 9 will be 22 the same thing for the May 2 note that we've been 23 looking at. 24 That's 8. That's 9. 25 (Whereupon, Exhibits 8 & 9 were marked for

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57 59 1 identification.) 1 Obviously, you're welcome to use them anytime you need 2 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Ms. Hendrix, I'm going to to, but I think we're done with those notes. 3 represent to you again that my office has faithfully 3 Going to hand you what we're going to mark as 4 printed this metadata out without doctoring or changing 4 Exhibit 10, which is an email chain produced by the 5 anything, and I ask you to assume that. If I'm wrong 5 debtor. on that, then your answers don't count. And I don't know how anyone on the video will see it. I apologize. I'll have to send it to you Ma'am, as I look at these two documents, it 7 8 says last modified by Kristin Hendrix. Do you see that? 9 (Whereupon, Exhibit 10 was marked for 10 10 A. Yes. identification.) Q. And that would have -- that could have only Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Now, if you start with 11 11 12 been you; correct, in that department? 12 this email chain, it starts on November 19, 2020 from 13 A. I hope so, yes. 13 Jack Donohue to you, copying Mr. Seery and various 14 Q. Seeing these two documents, can you agree 14 others. 15 with me now that it was in fact you that papered up 15 Do you see that? Exhibits 4 and 5? 16 16 A. Yes. 17 MR. MORRIS: Objection. Asked and answered. 17 Q. And Mr. Donohue is asking you to provide him the financial records of HCMFA due to the funds owed 18 THE WITNESS: I would assume so since my name 19 is on it, yes. the debtor. 20 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Both of these documents 20 Do you see that? 21 say last printed -- I'm sorry. If you see related 21 A. Yes. 22 dates, it says last printed May 2, 2019, 11:27 A.M. Do 22 O. Do you recall that email from Mr. Donohue to 23 you? 23 you have any memory or any understanding as to why that 24 date would be there or what last printed might mean? 24 A. Yes. A. I don't know why it says last printed the day 25 Q. Do you recall any context or subsequent 58 60 1 discussions or how that email came to be, or do you 1 before it was created. That doesn't make any sense. I 2 have no idea. just recall getting that email? 3 Unless, the only thing I could think of is if 3 A. I just recall getting the email. 4 we changed this template. When I say "this," the 4 Q. You write back, hi Jack, Scott Ellington is 5 \$2.4 million loan, which was papered on the 2nd, and going to follow up with the board on this request. 6 then used it for the next day for the template to Do you see that? 7 7 update the date, possibly. I have no idea. A. Yes. 8 Q. Well, it may be -- and I understand that you 8 Q. Do you recall why you told Jack that Mr. Ellington was going to follow up? 9 don't have any memory; we're speculating a little bit. 10 It may be, looking at Exhibits 8 and 9, that 10 A. From what I recall, I had asked Frank 11 the \$2.4 million note was printed on May 2, and then 11 Waterhouse if it was okay to send these financials 12 after having been used as the template for the 12 over, and he wanted me to check with Scott Ellington \$5 million note, the \$5 million note would not have 13 and that was Scott's response. 14 been printed. 14 Q. And did he tell you why he wanted you to 15 check with Scott Ellington? 15 Does that sound possible? MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 16 16 A. Just to make sure that there were no issues 17 question. 17 with sending them over. 18 THE WITNESS: Sure, it could be possible. 18 Q. Mr. Seery writes back, can I get this ASAP. 19 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) But you don't have any 19 HCMFA is way overdue. 20 memory either way? 20 Do you see that? 21 A. No. And when these were printed they're 21 A. Yes.

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Q. And Mr. Seery writes again, it's about a week

23 later, and he says, this is an explicit direction from

25 recipient of that December 2 email; correct?

24 me as CEO of HCMLP. But it looks like you are the

25 if you want to make a pile of those exhibits.

printed to PDF, I believe, is probably what that means.

We're going to switch gears a little bit now,

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63 61 1 A. Yes. 1 you, copying Waterhouse, Seery, a bunch of others. Q. Do you remember him sending you that email Where he says, at the direction of Jim Seery, 3 and copying those people? 3 please provide DSI with the requested information for 4 A. Yes. each entity below. 5 Q. Do you remember anything happening in that And you'll see the entity includes both of my 6 week between his November 25 and December 2 email along 6 clients, NexPoint Advisors and HCMFA. And the 7 the same discussion lines? information includes bank statements, income A. I don't remember anything. I think I was statements, balance sheets, cash flows. probably left out of any discussions, and if there were Do you see that? 10 any, it was with Scott Ellington and whomever he had 10 A. Yes. 11 discussions with. 11 Q. Do you recall this email? 12 O. Then subsequent, on December 2, Mr. Seerv 12 A. Vaguely, yes. 13 writes, all, Scott and I have spoken and agree that the 13 Q. Did you have any concerns when you received 14 information should be provided to James immediately. 14 this email? 15 Would that have been James Romey, do you 15 A. Concerns about the email, no. I probably 16 think? 16 checked with -- I would have checked with Frank to make 17 17 sure it was okay to send this first. A. Yes. 18 Q. Frank Waterhouse? 18 Q. And who was James Romey? 19 A. He also worked for DSI. 19 A. Yes. Q. And then he writes, Kristin, please proceed 20 Q. Do you have any understanding as to why 21 with James. If anyone has any questions or issues, 21 Mr. Donohue requested bank statements, income please call me. 22 statements, balance sheets for NexPoint and/or HCMFA? 23 Do you see that? 23 A. I do not. 24 A. Yes. 24 Q. Did he or anyone at DSI tell you why they 25 Q. Did you proceed with James Romey? 25 were requesting that? 62 64 1 A. I further made sure that Scott was okay, to A. Not that I can recall. 2 confirm. He said yes, please do, and I did send them Q. If we go forward in time, you'll see that 3 to James Romey. 3 Mr. Waterhouse is writing back to Mr. Donohue. And Q. So Mr. Seery has some of it in this email 4 then Mr. Seery interjects and says, these are HCMLP 5 chain, but do you have any understanding as to why 5 business records. Please provide them as requested by 6 either DSI or Mr. Seery in November of 2020 was asking 6 Jack ASAP. 7 7 for the financial records of HCMFA? Do you see that? A. I do not, other than what's in this email. 8 A. Yes. Q. Did you discuss with either DSI or Mr. Seery Q. And it looks like you were not privy to 10 or Mr. Waterhouse in November or December 2020 whether 10 subsequent communications where Frank and Jim were 11 the demand notes from HCMFA should be demanded, should 11 talking back and forth about this. You were not privy 12 be called? 12 to those, like you weren't blind copied or anything to 13 A. I did not have discussions. 13 your recollection? 14 O. Next exhibit is Exhibit 11. This is another 14 A. No. 15 Q. Did you in fact on or after January 6, 2021, 16 And I apologize to the folks on the video. 16 provide Mr. Donohue or anyone on his team the 17 I'll have to get it to you during some break. 17 information that he had requested as it relates to 18 MR. MORRIS: Hold on one second. 18 NexPoint and/or HCMFA? 19 MR. RUKAVINA: Sure. Off the record. 19 A. Without going back to check, I couldn't 20 (Off the record.) 20 answer yes or no for certain. 21 (Whereupon, Exhibit 11 was marked for 21 Q. So I think you mentioned when you received 22 identification.) 22 the email from Mr. Donohue you would have checked with

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23 Frank. And what do you remember asking Frank or

A. I don't remember asking him specifically. In

24 checking with him about?

24 if you'll go to the beginning of this email chain, is

Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Exhibit 11, Ms. Hendrix,

25 an email on January 6, 2021, again from Mr. Donohue to

67 65 1 fact, it's possible that Frank just responded on his 1 to? 2 own here to Jack. Again, would have been a A. We had a standing weekly cash meeting with 3 conversation that I can't specifically recall. 3 Frank Waterhouse, myself, Jim Seery. I can't recall Q. Sure. And you don't specifically remember 4 everyone on it. Some of the DSI folks. We go through 5 today providing Mr. Donohue any of that information; cash forecasts. It's a 13-week cash forecast. We go 6 right? 6 through it every week. 7 A. Right. It's going to lay out incoming and outgoing 8 8 Q. You don't specifically remember today having payments that are forecasted, of which these term loans a discussion with Mr. Donohue or Seery or anyone else were in those forecasts, so they were discussed. 10 at or about that time as to why they were wanting this Q. And Mr. Morris produced some of those to me 10 11 information? 11 this morning. I haven't had time to go through them. 12 A. Correct. 12 But it is your recollection in November and 13 December of 2020 the fact of the NexPoint term note 13 Q. Exhibit 12, Ms. Hendrix, is going to be the 14 December 3, 2020, letter by which Highland called the 14 being out there was known to Mr. Seery? 15 notes. 15 A. Yes. MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the Q. And the fact of an upcoming December 31, 16 17 question if there was one. 17 2020, payment was known to Mr. Seery? 18 (Whereupon, Exhibit 12 was marked for 18 A. Yes. 19 identification.) 19 O. So with that background, in November and 20 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Are you familiar with 20 December of 2020, do you remember discussing with 21 Exhibit 12, Ms. Hendrix? 21 anyone anything to the effect of, oh, it really would 22 A. No, I haven't seen this. 22 be better if NexPoint defaulted on that note so we 23 23 could call it? Q. Prior to today, you don't remember seeing 24 this? 24 A. No. 25 25 A. No. Q. Did Mr. Seery ever state to you anything in 66 68 1 Q. I think you're answering no? 1 November or December of 2020 about how the debtor might 2 A. No, sorry, no. 2 monetize that NexPoint note? Q. On or before December 3, 2020, did anyone A. No. 4 discuss with you whether Highland should call the Q. Did he discuss with you any potential sale of 5 that promissory note? demand notes that were outstanding by HCMFA? A. No. 7 Q. Do you recall in December 2020 any discussion Q. Did DSI ever discuss with you in November or with anyone at the debtor about the NexPoint December 2020 any potential sale of that note? \$30.7 million term note? 10 A. Repeat your question again, please. 10 Q. Or how to monetize that note? Q. Sure. So you're familiar, and we'll talk 11 A. No. 11 12 about it in some detail, with the NexPoint 12 Q. So -- well, strike that. 13 **\$30.7** million note? 13 Did Mr. Seery or anyone at DSI, or anyone at 14 A. Yes. 14 all, in November or December of 2020 state any words to 15 Q. And again, we'll talk about it, but at that you to the effect that they were hoping that NexPoint 16 would default on that note? 16 point in time that was a term note; correct? 17 A. Never. 18 Q. Do you remember in the December 2020 or O. Or that it would be in the debtor's interest 19 for NexPoint to default on that note? 19 November 2020 time frame discussing with anyone at the debtor the status of that NexPoint note? 20 A. No.

24 in December.
25 Q. What weekly cash meetings are you referring

22 basis in our cash meetings that we would have had, as

23 identifying that there are payments due on these loans

A. Yes, we would have discussed this on a weekly

23 at DSI as to the collectibility of that note? And by
24 that I mean whether NexPoint can pay the note?
25 A. I don't specifically recall. It most likely

Q. In November or December of 2020, do you

22 recall having any discussions with Mr. Seery or anyone

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69 71 1 came up in cash conversations. 1 not? 2 Q. I think you were assistant controller back 2 A. Yes. 3 then? Q. What's your understanding? 3 4 A. Yes. A. Either November 30 or December 1, 2020, I 5 5 received a phone call from Frank Waterhouse that said, Q. Would a discussion of a borrower's ability to 6 repay have been something within your general sphere of no payments are going from any of the Advisors to responsibility in that time frame? Highland. 8 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the Q. Can you be more specific with what he said? 8 9 A. That's what he said. question. Q. So he said no payments from the Advisors to 10 10 THE WITNESS: It depends on who the borrower 11 Highland? 11 is, and at that time we did -- we had knowledge over 12 A. Yes. 12 that information, so yes. 13 Q. Did he reference the promissory note 13 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Well, you've seen some 14 expressly? 14 instructions or requests from Mr. Seery to you and DSI 15 to you for financial information of NexPoint and HCMFA. 15 A. No. Q. But no payments means? 16 We've gone through those documents; right? 16 17 A. Yes. 17 A. Nothing. 18 Q. That would logically in your mind include the Q. Does that refresh your memory that there was 19 promissory note? 19 any internal discussion that you were privy to about 20 A. Yes. 20 the ability of HCMFA and/or NexPoint to pay these 21 Q. Did you ask him why? 21 notes? 22 A. No. 22 A. I don't recall that specifically being asked. 23 Q. Did he tell you why? 23 It could have. 24 A. No. Q. Did you ever at any point in time have any 25 Q. Did you, prior to January 1, 2021, did you 25 employment or officer or any title or role with 70 72 1 NexPoint Advisors, LP? 1 hear from anyone as to why Mr. Waterhouse gave that 2 A. No. 2 instruction? 3 Q. Were you ever the controller or assistant 3 A. Not that I recall. 4 controller for NexPoint Advisors LP? Q. Did you, after that November 30 or December 1 5 phone call, did you follow up with him or anyone else Q. Did you ever at any point in time have any about the upcoming note payment? employment, officer or any title or role at HCMFA? A. I didn't have any reason to. Q. I'm going to -- let me find you a document Q. Were you ever the controller or assistant for a moment. 10 controller of HCMFA? 10 Just so the record is complete, let's include 11 11 this promissory note. It's going to be Exhibit 13. A. No. Q. So you might have indirectly provided 12 This is the NexPoint promissory note. 13 services to those two as part of shared services, but 13 (Whereupon, Exhibit 13 was marked for never directly; is that fair? 14 identification.) 15 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 15 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) I take it you've seen this 16 promissory note, Exhibit 13? 16 question. THE WITNESS: When you say never directly, 17 17 A. Yes. 18 meaning I was not employed by those entities? 18 Q. And I think you testified about this before, 19 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Correct. 19 but just to summarize to save time. 20 20 A. That's correct. This would have been a note that you would Q. Do you have any understanding -- first of 21 21 not have papered but would have gone through legal 22 all, NexPoint did not make a payment on December 31, 22 because it was a roll-up. Is that generally accurate? 23 2020; correct? 23 A. Yes. 24 A. Correct. 24 Q. And do you have any memory at all of having

Q. Okay. Do you have any understanding of why

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25 anything to do with papering up this loan?

**73** 75 1 A. Not that I recall. 1 A. At my house. Q. Would you have had, after 2017 and before 2 Q. Did you answer on a cell phone or landline? 3 2021, any role with respect to any payments or upcoming 3 A. My cell phone. payments on this note, any role at all? 4 O. Is there any chance in hell that your cell A. Yes. phone would still have a record of that phone call, 6 Q. What would have been your role or roles? like what time it was and how long it lasted? A. That would have been taking direction from MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 8 Frank Waterhouse or possibly Jim Dondero saying, go 8 ahead and make these payments that are due on these Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) I apologize for using 10 hell. Q. Would you have recorded on any books or 11 MR. MORRIS: And to foundation. 11 THE WITNESS: I have no idea. 12 records payments that actually were made? 12 13 A. Not me personally. Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you have your cell 13 14 Q. Who would have? 14 phone with you right now? 15 A. Our accountant, which could have been one of 15 A. In the other room. two different people, depending on the time frame. 16 Q. I might ask you during the break to just --17 Q. Would you have had any role with respect to 17 we'll take a short break before I'm done, and I'll ask recording those payments or is that just something that you if you've had a chance to look for November and your group would have done? December 2020 phone logs between you and 20 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 20 Mr. Waterhouse. I would ask you to do that, please. 21 question. 21 Q. And I apologize, I think you said you thought 22 THE WITNESS: I would not have had a role. 22 23 My group would have. 23 it was a short telephone call? Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) What about calculating 24 A. I have no idea. 25 25 amortization and/or interest payments that are due or Q. Did the telephone call or Mr. Waterhouse's 74 76 1 upcoming? Who would have done that, you or someone 1 instructions surprise you in any way? A. Nothing surprises me anymore, so no. 2 else? A. Our accountant. 3 Q. Did it surprise you back in November or 4 December of 2020? 4 Q. Do you have any memory of doing that? 5 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 5 A. No. 6 Q. Did it pique your curiosity? question. 7 A. Nope. THE WITNESS: Not during 2017 through 2019. 8 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) What about 2020? 8 Q. Just another instruction from your boss? A. No. A. Yep. 10 Q. Going back to that November 30 or December 1 Q. Exhibit 14 is going to be a document that 11 telephone call, do you recall who initiated the call? 11 we're not sure what it is and we're not sure who 12 A. To me? 12 prepared it. It appears to be a ledger of charges 13 Q. The one between you and Mr. Waterhouse. 13 against and payments on this promissory note. 14 A. Frank called me. I'm just saying that so the people on the 15 Q. Frank called you. 15 phone know what it is, but you don't have to take what 16 And was it just to discuss -- or just to give 16 I said as correct. 17 you that instruction, no payments from the Advisors, or **17** (Whereupon, Exhibit 14 was marked for was there other things discussed? 18 identification.)

19 A. I could not tell you if something else was 20 discussed on that phone call. 21 Q. Do you remember if it was a long phone call 22 or short? 23 A. Couldn't tell vou.

24 Q. Do you remember where you were when he called

25 you?

Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So Ms. Hendrix, Exhibit 14 19 was produced by the debtor. And I'm going to ask you, 21 do you know what this is or have you seen it before? 22 Can you help us state what it is? 23 A. This looks like it is an amortization 24 schedule of the NexPoint Advisors term loan. 25 Q. Would this have been something that it

77 **79** 1 appears to you would have been maintained internally by 1 change but it doesn't use brackets? 2 the debtor, or does it look like it might have been 2 A. It's a negative number. It's just a 3 prepared by DSI or someone else for some other reason? 3 formatting issue. A. It looks like the debtor's amortization Q. What about also on that same page in the 5 other column, principal paid, 5/31/2020, it's a 5 schedule that they kept. Q. Did the debtor keep an amortization schedule positive number, 575,550. 7 for the NexPoint promissory note, to your knowledge? MR. MORRIS: Where are you? 8 MR. RUKAVINA: On page 2 of this exhibit. 9 Q. Did the debtor keep amortization schedules MR. MORRIS: What date? 10 MR. RUKAVINA: May 31, 2020. And it's the 10 for other term promissory notes? 11 column over, principal paid. It's a positive number, 11 A. Yes. 12 575,000 and change. 12 Q. In what format, like Excel spreadsheets or MR. MORRIS: Got it, thank you. 13 13 Word documents? What is your recollection for NexPoint 14 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you see that, specifically? 15 Ms. Hendrix? 15 A. Excel. 16 Q. Would that have been on the shared system or A. Yes. 17 Q. Do you have an understanding of why that 17 something? 18 18 number would be positive? A. Yes. A. Actually, I think this looks like an entry to 19 Q. And who would have been responsible on an me where the interest is what we call picking. So on 20 ongoing basis to update the NexPoint amortization 21 the anniversary date of this loan, which is May, from 21 schedule? 22 what I can tell, the accrued interest total, which is 22 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 23 that 575-, is being rolled into principal. 23 question. 24 That's what I can tell from looking at it. 24 THE WITNESS: Depends on what time you're 25 Q. Okay. Do you have any understanding as to 25 asking. 78 80 1 why that would have been done or why that would have 1 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Let's talk about the year 2 of 2020. been done on that day? MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 3 A. That would have been Hayley Eliason, our 3 4 accountant at that time. 4 question. 5 5 Q. What about the year 2019? THE WITNESS: Because that's the anniversary 6 A. Still Hayley. 6 date of the loan. I would assume that that's how the 7 MR. RUKAVINA: I'm going to just ask, to loan is written. 8 preserve the record, Mr. Morris, if he hasn't already, Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) And I think that that to produce any such Excel spreadsheet in the native Section 1 of the promissory note does say, the unpaid 10 form. principal balance of this note from time to time 11 O. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) If we look at this, 11 outstanding shall bear interest. 12 Ms. Hendrix -- and I'm a little confused as to what 12 At the rate of 6 percent per annum from the 13 these entries mean. Maybe you could help me. But 13 date hereof until maturity date, compounded annually on 14 columns that say interest paid, principal paid, total the anniversary of the date of this note. paid, do you know what those columns mean? 15 Do you see that? A. Exactly as they state. These are interest 16 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 17 and principal payments made on the date that's listed, 17 question. and then you've got a total. 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I see that. 19 19 Q. And then they're in brackets because they're Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Assuming that this is the 20 negative numbers? correct amortization schedule for the NexPoint note, 21 A. Correct. 21 and that the numbers in here are correct, if you look 22 Q. So here's what I'm not understanding. Go to 22 at the second page under the column total paid there 23 the second page. are a number of entries for 2019.

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You see there's an entry under interest paid

25 12/30/29 [verbatim] that says negative 530,000 and

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Do you see that, the far right column?

A. At the top, yes.

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1 Q. For example, 1.3 million, 2.1 million,

**2 1.3** million.

3 Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Assuming that that's correct, do you have any

6 memory or understanding whether in the year 2019, or

7 why NexPoint was making these payments on this

8 promissory note?

A. Without going back and reading through emails

10 I can only assume that, from looking at this, Highland,

11 the debtor, would have needed cash, and so this is one

12 way of getting cash to the debtor.

13 Q. This is kind of like what we discussed in the

14 beginning, that Mr. Dondero on a cash needed basis

15 would just transfer money between entities?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you have any memory in the first half of

18 2019 whether Highland, the debtor, had any particular

9 need for cash money at that time?

20 A. We generally always had a need for cash, so

21 yes.

Q. And so if NexPoint was transferring money

23 back to Highland on this note because Highland needed

24 the money, would those have been recorded as

25 prepayments by the debtor?

1 Exhibit 15 and I'm going to represent to you that it's

2 the email that Mr. Morris sent to me today and I've not

3 doctored it in any way.

4 (Whereupon, Exhibit 15 was marked for

5 identification.)

**6 MR. MORRIS:** Do you have the email that it

7 was attached to?

MR. RUKAVINA: Somewhere. I can find it at a

9 break.

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**MR. MORRIS:** I'll let the witness testify.

11 This was attached to an email. Not my email, but

12 another email. But I'll let the witness testify.

13 MR. RUKAVINA: Off the record.

(Off the record.)

Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So you have Exhibit 15.

16 And during the break we established, I don't

17 have a copy of it right now, but you sent Exhibit 15 on

18 August 29, 2020, to Mr. Dondero by email, copying

19 Mr. Waterhouse, as well as a couple of other

20 attachments; is that correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Do you recall what prompted you to send that

23 email and this attachment?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What?

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1 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the

2 question.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Sitting here today, do you

5 have any reason to believe based on the formatting or

 $\,\,$  6  $\,\,$  anything on Exhibit 14 that it's not the amortization

7 schedule as it was maintained by the debtor?

8 A. I don't have any reason to not believe that

9 it was.

10 Q. Going to show you a few documents that I'm

11 hopefully going to burn through, but you're certainly

12 entitled to take all the time that you need.

13 So first is going to be a document that

14 Mr. Morris produced this morning. It's not Bates

15 labeled. I don't know why.

MR. MORRIS: As I said in my email, my

17 paralegal is sick and so I wanted you to have the

18 documents. We'll Bates stamp them later, but we have a

19 written record from my email of what we produced to

20 you.

21 MR. RUKAVINA: You're assuming that I read my

22 emails.

MR. MORRIS: Sorry about that. I confess,

24 sometimes I don't as well.

25 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) So I'm going to hand you

1 A. Frank Waterhouse called me on August 29, and

2 requested that I do so.

3 Q. Did he tell you why?

4 A. From what I recall, this was a time when Jim

5 was trying to come up with his bargain or pop land,

6 whatever he referenced it as. This was all information

7 that Frank said he wanted.

8 Q. Okay. So going back to Exhibit 15, what I'm

9 interested in is NexPoint Advisors, the 23,846,000 and

10 change number.

11 Do you see that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Where did that number -- or where did this

14 Exhibit 15 come from, if you understand my question?

15 A. Sure. These numbers should all be balances

 $16\,\,$  off of the corresponding notes that each entity owed to

18 Q. Did you or someone prepare Exhibit 15

19 specifically for that email? Or was Exhibit 15 already

20 existing somewhere on the system?

21 A. I believe that we prepared it specifically

22 for this request.

Q. Do you recall who?

24 A. It was either myself or our accountant. I

25 don't recall who put it together.

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87 85 Q. Okay. And where would that 23 million and 1 Do you see that, ma'am? 2 change number for NexPoint have come from, an 2 A. Yes. 3 amortization schedule? 3 Q. 23 million 683? 4 A. Yes. 4 A. Yes. Q. And what about Highland Capital Management 5 Q. And you see, HCMFA due to HCMLP as of June 30, 2020, 12,286,000? 6 Fund Advisors? You see \$10.5 million and change demand 6 on Exhibit 15? MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 8 A. Yes. question. 9 Q. Where would that \$10.5 million number have Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Strike that. 10 It says 12,286. What do you take that 12,286 10 come from, do you remember? 11 to mean? 11 A. The same. It would have come off of the A. I think that's a typo and it should have 12 amortization schedules for all of their notes. 12 said -- well, there's several things wrong with this, 13 Q. How was there an amortization schedule for a 14 from looking at it. 14 demand note? 15 15 A. Because it's accruing interest. She left off three zeros on the end of it. 16 Should have said 12,286,000. Secondly, that amount is Q. So sitting here today, you expect there would 17 our due to affiliates on HCMFA's books, not just due to 17 be some amortization schedule like Exhibit 14 but for 18 HCMLP. 18 HCMFA? Q. That was going to be my question, why that 19 A. Yes. 20 12,286,000 number didn't jive with the 10,530,000 20 Q. Now we're going to have an exhibit [verbatim] 21 number on Exhibit 15? 21 chain that's going to be marked as Exhibit 16. 22 A. Yes, there's another loan due to a different 22 (Whereupon, Exhibit 16 was marked for 23 affiliate. 23 identification.) 24 Q. So that \$12,286,000 amount doesn't mean that 24 MR. RUKAVINA: For the folks on the video, 25 it's all due to Highland; is that correct? 25 Exhibit 16 is the email chain that Mr. Morris used last 86 88 1 week regarding the Section 15(c) document. 1 A. Correct. Q. Exhibit 17 is going to be the January 7, 2021 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Are you familiar with this 2 3 Exhibit 16 email chain, Ms. Hendrix? notice from the debtor to NexPoint about the default. A. Yes. 4 (Whereupon, Exhibit 17 was marked for 5 Q. Why are you familiar with it? 5 identification.) Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) You've been handed A. Well, I'm copied on it, and I saw it 7 Exhibit 17. Have you seen this document before? 7 yesterday. Q. Do you have any memory -- well, that's a A. Not that I believe. stupid question. But prior to yesterday, did you have Q. And I think we've asked this before, but just 10 any memory of this? 10 to clarify. 11 A. Yes. 11 Did anyone at the debtor, including Mr. Seery Q. And do you recall the context or the purpose 12 or DSI, discuss with you after December 31, 2020 that 13 of this exhibit, or this email chain? 13 the payment had not been made and what, if anything, A. From what I remember this is the time where 14 the debtor should do about that? 15 information was being prepared for the retail board to 15 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 16 re-up the debtor's shared services. 16 question. Q. So, here -- you're certainly welcome to read 17 THE WITNESS: I can't recall specific 18 it in its entirety and if you feel like you want to or 18 conversations that may or may not have been had around 19 need to, that's fine. But I only have one question. 19 that topic. 20 Well, one question with two subparts. 20 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Would -- so back then you 21 21 were the assistant controller, on January 7; right? I'm looking at Ms. Lauren Thedford's, A. Yes. 22 22 T-h-e-d-f-o-r-d's, email October 6, 2000 [verbatim] 23 where she says, I see the below from the 6/30 23 Q. Do you think that back then Mr. Seery or DSI

24 would have sought your advice or input as to what they

25 should do about the missed payment?

25 June 30, 2020.

24 financials. NPA, due to HCMLP and affiliates as of

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89 91 1 A. No. 1 Q. Were you aware of it then? 2 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 2 A. Was I aware of what? 3 question. 3 Q. That transfer of \$1.4 million and change. 4 THE WITNESS: No. 4 A. On January 14? 5 Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) That would have been 5 Q. Yes. outside of your purview? A. Yes. 6 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Did you facilitate that transfer? 8 Q. And you see in this notice in the middle, it 8 says an amount due as of January 8 in the \$24,471,000 Q. Who told you to make that transfer? 10 A. Frank Waterhouse. 11 11 Do you see that? Q. Did he tell you why? 12 12 A. Yes. A. Nope. Q. Do you have any idea, I take it you don't, 13 Q. He just said make the transfer? where that number came from? 14 14 A. Yes. MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 15 15 Q. Did he tell you that it was on account of the 16 question. 16 NexPoint note? 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know who provided that 17 A. Yes. 18 number or where it came from. 18 Q. Did he tell you how to, if at all, to credit Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Do you have any 19 that note for that amount? 20 understanding as to why that number is higher than the 20 A. No. 21 number on Exhibit 15? 21 Q. Sitting here today, you have no memory other A. My guess would be that Exhibit 15 is just 22 than that Frank Waterhouse told you to transfer some 23 23 \$1.4 million on the NexPoint note? principal balances. 24 Q. Okay. 24 A. Right. 25 25 Exhibit 18, please. Q. And do you recall, was that oral or written 90 92 1 (Whereupon, Exhibit 18 was marked for 1 or how would that have been? 2 identification.) A. That was a phone call. Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Exhibit 18, Ms. Hendrix, 3 Q. Do you recall who initiated the phone call? 4 is an email chain between you and Mr. Waterhouse on 4 A. Frank called me. January 12, 2021. Do you remember this email chain? Q. Was that the only topic discussed in that phone call to your memory? 7 Q. Do you remember on January 12 Mr. Waterhouse A. Yes. emailing you, asking when the last amort payment due 8 Q. Did you ask him why the payment or and what the amount was for NexPoint? anything -- did you ask him anything at all? A. No. 10 10 A. No. 11 Q. When was the last time -- well, strike that. 11 Q. And after you made the payment -- or I'm 12 Do you remember ever seeing this email 12 sorry, after you caused the payment to be made, did you 13 take any further steps with respect to the NexPoint 13 between then and today? 14 14 note? Q. Do you have any present memory of any 15 A. I forwarded the payment confirmation, showing 16 communications with Mr. Waterhouse on or about 16 that the money was sent from NexPoint Advisors to 17 January 12, 2021 regarding the NexPoint default or 17 Highland, forwarded that payment confirmation from the 18 note? 18 bank to Jack Donohue at DSI, letting him know. 19 19 Q. Did you let Mr. Donohue or anyone at DSI know A. Not specific, no. 20 Q. Any general memory? 20 about the transfer before the transfer was made? 21 A. Not that I can pinpoint, no. 21 A. No. Q. Were you aware that on or about January 14 22 Q. And you sent that by email to Mr. Donohue? 23 NexPoint transferred about \$1.4 million and change to 23 A. Yes. 24 the debtor? 24 O. Did Mr. Donohue thereafter have any A. Yes. 25 25 discussion with you about that in any way?

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- 11 Q. Not surprised. Thank you. 12 Have I been courteous to you today? 13 A. Yes. 14 MR. RUKAVINA: I pass the witness. 15 MR. MORRIS: Thank you. 16 **MR. AIGEN:** Are we ready to move forward?
- 17 MR. MORRIS: Yes. You're a little dark 18 there. 19 MR. RUKAVINA: Can we increase the volume on 20 that thing?
- 21 (Off the record.) 22 **EXAMINATION**
- O. (BY MR. AIGEN) Good afternoon, Ms. Hendrix. 23
- 24 My name is Michael Aigen. I represent Mr. Dondero,
- 25 HCMS and HCRE Partners in several of the adversary
- 11 different, just to sort of finish this topic. I'm not 12 asking about this oral agreement as a defense, I'm just 13 asking more generally. 14 Other than this conversation, were you aware 15 generally of any conversations that anyone had where 16 the notes at issue might be forgiven if certain events 18 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 19 question. 20 THE WITNESS: No. Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) Is it fair to say that you 22 haven't had any conversations about this subsequent
- 23 oral agreement with anyone other than Mr. Morris? 24 A. That's fair. 25 Q. You never discussed it with Mr. Seery?

97 99 1 A. No. 1 A. Yes.

- Q. Never discussed it with Mr. Klos?
- 3 A. No. Well, sorry, Mr. Klos was present when
- 4 John and I talked about it. But that's it.
- Q. Have you ever made any investigation or
- 6 effort in order to determine if this oral agreement
- actually occurred?
- 8 A. No.
- Q. If there was such an oral agreement to
- 10 potentially forgive the notes, do you believe that you
- 11 would have known about such an oral agreement as part
- 12 of your duties and responsibilities?
- 13 A. Yes, I would hope so.
- 14 Q. Why do you say that?
- 15 A. That's something that should be disclosed in
- 16 audited financial statements, and me and my team are
- 17 responsible for preparing those financial statements
- 18 and presenting them to the auditors as fair and
- 19 accurate.
- 20 Q. And is it fair to say that this oral
- 21 agreement should have been disclosed to PwC if it was
- 22 determined that it was material?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And have you done any sort of analysis to 24
- 25 determine whether the oral agreement at issue here

- Q. Can you tell me why?
- A. Sure. It goes along with the same statement
- 4 as HCMFA and NPA and the phone call that I got from
- 5 Frank Waterhouse saying there's no payments coming from
- 6 any of the affiliates to the debtor.
- Q. I may have written that down wrong when you
- 8 talked about that before, but I believe your earlier
- testimony when you described that conversation was that
- 10 there was no more payments coming from the Advisors,
- 11 not affiliates.
- 12 Let me ask you then, what was the
- 13 conversation? Was it no more payments from affiliates
- 14 or Advisors?
- A. It could have been either. I probably did
- 16 say Advisors. But regardless, those payments would
- 17 have been directed to me to be made, either by Frank
- Waterhouse or Jim Dondero.
- And I would assume that nobody directed me to
- 20 make those payments because we weren't making any
- 21 payments from Jim's related parties. I don't know for
- 22 a fact, but that's what I would assume. Those were all
- 23 under the same umbrella.
- 24 Q. And again, let's back up a second.
- 25 When you refer to Advisors, fair to say that

- 1 would have been material for purposes of a PwC audit?
- A. I've not done any work, just finding out
- 3 about it, but from what it sounds like, it would be
- 4 material.
- Q. That's your opinion, that it would have been
- 6 material; is that fair to say?
- A. Fair.
- Q. Have you had any discussions with anyone else
- about whether the oral agreement would have been
- material?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Changing topics a little bit here, are you
- 13 aware --
- 14 (Off the record.)
- Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) Are you aware that a few of
- 16 the loans at issue here, specifically related to HCMS
- and HCRE, were term loans as opposed to demand loans?
- 18 A. Yes.
- Q. And are you aware that for those particular
- 20 loans, there were payments that were supposed to be
- made but weren't on December 31, 2020?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you have any understanding as to why those
- 24 payments weren't made with respect to the HCMS and HCRE
- 25 term loans on December 31, 2020?

- 1 that does not include HCMS and HCRE; is that correct?
- A. When I say Advisors, I am referring to HCMFA
- 3 and NPA.
- Q. And when you use the term "affiliates,"
- 5 you're referring to all four; is that correct?
- A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Just want to make sure we're on the same
- 8 page.
- When you answered the previous question you
- 10 started to get into assumptions and things like that.
- 11 Let me start off with what your specific recollection
- 12 of that phone call was. Tell me as best as you can
- 13 what you remember Frank telling you?
- 14 A. I remember it as being no payments from the
- 15 Advisors to the debtor.
- Q. So you don't remember the instruction being, 16
- 17 don't make payments from the affiliates. It was, don't
- 18 make payments from the Advisors; is that correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. So is it fair to say that you don't remember
- 21 any instructions telling you not to make any payments
- 22 from HCMS or HCRE?
- 23 A. That's fair.
- Q. So if that is the case, why weren't payments
- 25 made from HCMS or HCRE for December 31, 2020, payment?

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- 1 A. Sure. Typically what would have happened is
- 2 Frank would be talking to Jim Dondero about making
- 3 these payments and getting his approval to do so,
- 4 because Jim Dondero is, you know, directing payments
- 5 out of these entities.
- I have never -- had never been given the
- 7 direction to effectuate those payments by anybody.
- Q. Is it fair to say, then, that you're not
- 9 aware of any instructions from anyone saying that the
- 10 HCMS and HCRE payments should not be made on
- 11 December 31, 2020?
- 12 A. That's fair.
- 13 Q. So the reason the payments weren't made is
- 14 because you never got an affirmative instruction to
- 15 actually make that payment; is that correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And you're not aware of Mr. Dondero
- 18 instructing anyone that HCMS and HCRE should not have
- 19 made the December 31, 2020, payments; is that correct?
- 20 A. I'm not aware personally, no. Correct.
- 21 Q. You say personally. In any way are you aware
- 22 of such a specific instruction?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. If that payment was to be made, who at the
- 25 debtor would have been responsible for making those

- 1 Q. And is that because it's only your job to
- 2 make payments that you're told to specifically make; is
- 3 that correct?
  - A. Yes, in this case, that is correct.
  - 5 Q. Is it fair to say then that as part of your
- 6 job responsibilities you've never made a payment to
- 7 anyone without being specifically told by Mr. Dondero
- 8 and Mr. Waterhouse?
- A. Sorry, say that again.
- 10 Q. As part of your job responsibilities, have
- 11 you ever made a payment to anyone without the specific
- 12 instruction of Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Dondero?
- 13 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the
- 14 question.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, we make payments all the
- 16 time.
- 17 Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) So why is this different in
- 18 that this payment was not made without the specific
- 19 instructions from Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Dondero, even
- 20 though you believed the payment was due on December 31,
- 21 2020?
- 22 A. The difference between making a loan payment
- 23 and making normal course -- or sorry, normal, ordinary
- 24 course, you know, overhead expense payments is that
- 25 something like that is not necessarily what we would

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1 payments on behalf of HCMS and HCRE?

- 2 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 3 question.
- 4 THE WITNESS: The corporate accounting team.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) And that included you?
- 6 A. Yes
- ${\bf 7} \qquad {\bf Q.} \ \ {\bf And in \, December \, of \, 2020, \, were \, you \, aware \, that}$
- 8 those payments were due on December 31, 2020?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you make any attempts or efforts to
- 11 determine whether Mr. Dondero wanted those payments to
- 12 be made?
- 13 A. I did not, no.
- 14 Q. Why not?
- 15 A. That would have been something that Frank
- 16 Waterhouse would have done directly with Jim Dondero
- 17 himself.
- 18 Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone
- 19 about whether the December 31 payments for HCMS and
- 20 HCRE would be made in December of 2020?
- 21 A. Not that I can recall.
- 22 Q. And you didn't think it was your
- 23 responsibility to check on those payments and find out
- 24 if they should have been made?
- 25 A. Right, correct.

1 take to Jim Dondero to approve.

- 2 He doesn't have time to approve every single
- 3 overhead payment that we're making out of every single
- 4 entity. That's what Frank is for.
- 5 Something that's once a year that's more
- 6 material in amount, such as a loan payment, that is
- 7 something that needs to get approved by Jim Dondero.
- 8 Q. You say needs to get approved. What's your
- 9 basis for that, something in a policy manual, something 10 someone told you?
- 11 A. It's a policy that my team followed. I don't
- 12 think that it's written in an actual manual anywhere,
- 13 but anything that's not ordinary course needs to get
- 14 approved by Jim Dondero.
- 15 Q. Is that something that's written in a policy 16 anywhere?
- 17 A. Not that I know of.
- A. Not that I know of.
- 18 Q. Were you ever told that payments in the
- 19 ordinary course can be made without Mr. Dondero's
- 20 approval but loan payments cannot?
- 21 A. Yes, I do recall years ago that Frank and I,
- 22 possibly Jim, this was years ago, had a conversation
- 23 that anything ordinary course is up to Frank to
- 24 approve. And this is, quite frankly, up to Frank.
- 25 Whatever he felt Jim needed to sign off on,

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- 1 that's what Jim would sign off on. This was not my
- 2 responsibility to make that decision.
- 3 Q. And in December -- prior to the December 31,
- 4 2020, due date you didn't have any conversations with
- 5 anyone about whether this -- these payments that were
- 6 due should be made; is that correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- Q. And you didn't try to check with anyone to
- 9 see whether anyone wanted these payments to be made; is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Subsequent to the payment being missed, did
- 13 you ever have any conversations with anyone about why
- 14 the payment was not made?
- 15 A. Not that I recall.
- 16 Q. So is it fair to say that sitting here today
- 17 you have no idea why the payments were not made for
- 18 HCMS and HCRE on December 31, 2020?
- 19 MR. MORRIS: Objection to the form of the 20 question.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I don't have any specific
- 22 evidence telling me why they weren't. I can make
- 23 assumptions but that's not going to help.
- Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) Well, did you ever have any
- 25 conversations with anyone about why those payments were

- 1 A. I can't tell you the exact date, but, yes, I
- 2 do have a recollection of Frank calling or emailing me
- 3 to have, I believe it was the HCRE wire sent out for
- 4 their payment.
- 5 Q. What about the HCMS payment?
- 6 A. I don't recall that one as much.
- 7 Q. Other than the payment being made, do you
- 8 have any recollection of any other conversations about
- 9 why the payment was being made?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Are you aware of any conversations that
- 12 anyone had regarding whether these payments would
- 13 deaccelerate loans?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Is that something you would normally be part
- 16 of, conversations like that?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Changing topics here. Not sure if this is an
- 19 area that you know anything about.
- 20 Are you familiar with the term, as it's used
- 21 at Highland, NAV ratio trigger period?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. This may go very quick. If I represent to
- 24 you that it's a term that's used in the -- in the
- 25 fourth amended limited partnership agreement for

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- 1 not made?2 A. No.
- 3 Q. You have no idea why they weren't made other
- 4 than just speculation; is that fair to say?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 MR. MORRIS: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) And are you aware that with
- 9 respect to those two loans, some payments were actually
- 10 made in the next month, in January of 2021?
- 11 A. Yes
- 12 Q. What role, if any, did you have with respect
- 13 to those payments?
- 14 A. Frank Waterhouse would call me and tell me to
- 15 have my team effectuate a wire.
- 16 Q. And you say would call you. Do you remember
- 17 this conversation or are you just assuming it occurred?
- **18 MR. MORRIS:** Objection to the form of the **19** question.
- THE WITNESS: If we sent a payment out, Frank
- 21 would have told me to do it. I would not have done it
- 22 on my own.
- Q. (BY MR. AIGEN) Sitting here today, do you
- 24 have a specific recollection of the conversation where
- 25 someone told you to make the January 2021 payments?

- 1 Highland Capital Management, would that refresh your
- 2 recollection at all?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. Fair to say, then, that you have no knowledge
- 5 as to whether NAV ratio trigger period was ever reached
- 6 at any time prior to bankruptcy buyouts?
- A. No, I don't know.
- 8 Q. Have you ever had any conversations with
- 9 Nancy Dondero?
- 10 A. I have not.
  - Q. Never met her?
- 12 A. No. I may have exchanged an email with her
- 13 on an invoice, but that's the extent of it. No
- 14 conversations.

- 15 Q. In the years leading up to the bankruptcy of
- 16 Highland Capital, was there any time period where
- 17 Highland was unable to pay its salaries?
- 18 A. Salaries?
- 19 Q. Salaries of its employees?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. In the time leading up to the Highland
- 22 bankruptcy, was there any time period where Highland
- 23 wasn't able to pay bonuses owed to any of its
- 24 employees?
- 25 A. Not that I know of. Not that I can recall.

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Kristin Hendrix - October 27, 2021 109 111 Q. Are you aware of any time period leading up 1 behalf of HCMFA in May of 2019 to bind HCMFA to such 2 to the Highland bankruptcy where Highland was unable to 2 notes? 3 pay its bills? 3 A. No. 4 A. There's times where we would be in a cash 4 Q. Thank you, ma'am. 5 flow crunch and we would stretch our AP, but eventually 5 **EXAMINATION** 6 it would get paid. 6 Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) Ms. Hendrix, can you get out Q. And I think this is the last topic and we can of your pile, Exhibit Number 3. 8 probably move through this pretty quickly. And this is the email from Dave Klos to Are you aware of any loans made by Highland corporate accounting on May 2nd concerning the 10 to any of its employees or officers that were forgiven 10 \$2.4 million that was going to be transferred from 11 HCMLP to HCMFA? 11 in part or all? A. Yes. A. Yes. 12 O. And how did Mr. Klos characterize that 13 Q. Which officers or employees are you aware of? 13 A. I recall there were two employees. I can't 14 transfer? 15 remember one of them, but I believe another, the second 15 A. He called it a new intercompany loan. 16 one, was Paul Adkins. Again, I'm just recalling this 16 What does a new intercompany loan mean to was years ago. 17 you? 18 18 Q. And these two are the only ones you're aware A. That means we are creating a new loan 19 of? 19 document, sending money out, tracking it as a A. Or I'm sorry, not Paul Adkins, Tim Lawler. 20 brand-new, fresh loan. 21 It's possible Paul Adkins was the other one, but I 21 Q. And he sent this email to an email group 22 can't tell you for sure. 22 called corporateaccounting@hcmlp.com. Do I have that 23 right? Q. Tim Lawler and some other employee that you 24 can't remember the name of are the only two that you're 24 A. Yes. 25 aware of? 25 Q. Were you included in that email group? 110 112 1 1 A. Yes. A. I was. Q. Can you identify everybody else who you 2 Q. This other employee, I know you don't 2 3 remember the name. Is there any other description that 3 recall being in that email group? A. Yes. 4 you can give me, what their position was, how long they 5 worked, or is it just you remember those loans? 5 Q. Who else was in that email group? A. Dave Klos, Frank Waterhouse, myself, Hayley 6 A. I just remember we had two employee loans. 7 7 Eliason, and Blair Roeber. Q. Approximately when was this? 8 A. I couldn't even tell you. All the years just Q. Okay. Did Mr. Waterhouse ever tell anybody, commingle together. to the best of your knowledge, in May 2019 that the 10 Q. More than five years ago? 10 transaction should not be booked as a loan? 11 11 A. No, not to my knowledge. A. Yes. 12 Q. More than 10 years ago? Q. You testified earlier that there was, you 13 A. I couldn't say. 13 recall, a similar email the next day with respect to a

14 MR. AIGEN: Why don't we take a five-minute 15 break and then I'll either be done or have just a few 16 wrap-up questions. **17** MR. RUKAVINA: Okay. 18 (Off the record.) 19 FURTHER EXAMINATION 20 21 2019, would you on behalf of Highland alone,

Q. (BY MR. RUKAVINA) Ms. Hendrix, in May of

unilaterally, have the authority to lend to HCMFA 2.4-

23 and/or \$5.0 million? 24 A. No.

25 Q. And would you have had any authority on 14 \$5 million transaction. 15 Do you recall that? A. Yes. 16 Q. Do you recall if that email also went to 17 18 corporate accounting? 19 A. I believe so, yes. 20 Q. And to the best of your knowledge, would 21 Mr. Waterhouse have been informed on May 3, 2019, that

22 the transaction was being booked by the corporate

Q. Did Mr. Waterhouse tell you at that time or

23 accounting department as a loan?

A. Yes.

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Kristin Hendrix - October 27, 2021 113 115 1 at any time thereafter that it was a mistake to book it 1 HCMFA. I oversaw all other aspects of the audit my 2 as a loan? team carried out. A. No. 3 Any requests from the auditors, emails with 3 O. Did Mr. Waterhouse tell you at that time or 4 questions, any issues that arose, all of that went 4 5 at any time thereafter that he didn't intend to sign through me. Q. And did Mr. Waterhouse play a role in the promissory notes? 7 A. No. 7 relation to the annual audit? A. Yes. 8 MR. RUKAVINA: Objection. To the last Q. What is your understanding of 9 question, objection to form. 10 Mr. Waterhouse's role? 10 Go ahead. 11 A. Let's see. He was in charge of reviewing the 11 Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) Okay. The promissory notes, 12 financial statements as they were done, so he saw the 12 to be clear, are the two promissory notes that you end product. He would sign off on the management rep 13 testified to earlier that have been marked as exhibits 14 letter. He signed engagement letters. 14 in this deposition for \$5 million and \$2.4 million 15 15 respectively. If there were any big issues, those got --16 those would be brought to Frank's attention for sure. 16 With that definition as promissory notes, did 17 Q. Okay. And are you a CPA? 17 Mr. Waterhouse ever tell you at any time that it was a 18 A. Yes. 18 mistake to sign those notes? 19 Q. And are you familiar with management rep 19 MR. RUKAVINA: I'll object to the form. 20 letters? 20 Go ahead. 21 A. Yes. THE WITNESS: No. 21 22 Q. What is your understanding of what a 22 O. (BY MR. MORRIS) Did Mr. Waterhouse or 23 management rep letter is? 23 anybody -- withdrawn. I'll go back to the first 24 A. That's basically telling the auditors that question. 25 everything in the audited financial report is accurate 25 Did Mr. Waterhouse or anybody in the world 114 116 1 ever tell you at any time since May of 2019 that it was 1 to the best of their knowledge, they've presented 2 a mistake to issue the promissory notes as we've everything that they have fair and accurately, they're 3 defined them? not withholding any information. A. No. Q. And do you recall that the -- Highland's 2018 5 Q. Did Mr. Waterhouse or anybody in the world 5 audit was completed in early June 2019? 6 tell you that Mr. Waterhouse wasn't authorized to affix A. Yes. 7 his signature to those promissory notes? Q. And did you cause the two promissory notes MR. RUKAVINA: And I'll object. Assumes that we're talking about here to be delivered to facts not in evidence, i.e., the signature. That's PricewaterhouseCoopers in connection with the audit? 10 what I've been objecting to. 10 11 But go ahead and answer. 11 O. And were those two promissory notes delivered

- 12 THE WITNESS: Say it again. 13 Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) Did Mr. Waterhouse or
- 14 anybody in the world tell you at any time that he 15 wasn't authorized to have his signature affixed to the 16 promissory notes? 17 MR. RUKAVINA: Same objection. 18
- THE WITNESS: No. 19 Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) Did you have anything to do with Highland's annual audit?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. What role did you play with respect to
- 23 Highland's annual audit?
- A. I personally was in charge of completely
- writing the entire audit report for the debtor and for

- 12 to PricewaterhouseCoopers because they constituted
- 13 subsequent events?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Do you recall whether those promissory notes
- 16 were described in Highland's 2018 audited financial
- 17 statements?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And did Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Dondero ever
- tell you at any time that there was a mistake in the
- 21 audited financial statements?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Did they ever tell you -- did Mr. Waterhouse
- 24 or Mr. Dondero or anybody in the world ever tell you at
- 25 any time that the two notes were mischaracterized in

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117 119 1 the 2018 audited financial statements of Highland 1 reference to these notes in HCMFA's 2018 audited 2 Capital? financial statements? A. No. 3 MR. RUKAVINA: Same objection. 3 O. Do vou know whether HCMFA also had its annual 4 THE WITNESS: No. 4 Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) Okay. Do you recall, did 5 financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers? 5 6 anybody in the world ever tell you that the 7 Q. Did you play any role in connection with that transactions described in Exhibit 3 and the other 8 audit? document that you recall should never have been booked as a loan? A. Yes. 10 Q. What role did you play in connection with 10 A. No. 11 HCMFA's audit of the 2018 financial statements? Q. Did anybody in the world tell you that you 11 A. Same exact role as with the debtors --12 made a mistake when you created those promissory notes? 13 O. And --13 A. No. 14 A. -- writing the audit report, overseeing all 14 Q. Can you pull out what was marked as 15 other audit functions. 15 Exhibit 16. Q. And did you and your group cause HCMFA to Do you understand that the Advisors provide 16 16 17 services to certain retail funds? 17 deliver to PricewaterhouseCoopers the two promissory 18 notes that we've been discussing from May 2019? 18 A. Yes. 19 A. Yes. 19 Q. And do you recall that the services are 20 Q. Did Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Dondero or anybody 20 subject to an agreement that's subject to annual 21 in the world ever tell you that it was a mistake to 21 review? 22 deliver those promissory notes to PwC in connection 22 A. Yes. with HCMFA's 2018 audit? 23 Q. So looking at Exhibit 16, did you understand 24 A. No. 24 that the retail board had asked Highland to disclose --25 O. Were those notes delivered -- withdrawn. 25 I'll just read it from the document on page 2, 118 120 Were those notes delivered to 1 1 Bates number ending 881. 2 PricewaterhouseCoopers because they constituted There's an email from Ms. Thedford that says, 3 subsequent events in connection with the 2018 audit? quote, are there any material amounts -- withdrawn. 4 Are there any material outstanding amounts A. Yes. 5 Q. Do you recall whether PricewaterhouseCoopers 5 currently payable or due in the future, open paren, 6 e.g., notes, close paren, to HCMLP by HCMFA or NexPoint 6 included as a liability on HCMFA's balance sheet the 7 Advisors or any other affiliate that provides services 7 obligations reflected in the two promissory notes at 8 issue? 8 to the funds? MR. RUKAVINA: Objection. Best evidence. 9 9 Do you see that? 10 10 A. Yes. 11 THE WITNESS: On the 2018 financials? Q. And were you generally aware that that was 12 O. (BY MR. MORRIS) Correct. 12 part of the annual renewal process? 13 A. Those would not have been included as 13 A. Yes. 14 liabilities in the 2018 financials. Q. And you made some comments earlier about 15 Q. Do you know if HCMFA completed their audit 15 Ms. Thedford's response on the first page. 16 for 2019? 16 Do you recall that? 17 17 18 Q. Okay. Did the notes appear in HCMFA's 2018 18 Q. And you actually were able to correct certain

19 audited financials under the subsequent events section? 20 21 MR. RUKAVINA: Objection. Best evidence. 22 Go ahead. O. (BY MR. MORRIS) Did Mr. Dondero or -- did

24 Mr. Waterhouse or Mr. Dondero or anybody in the world

25 ever tell you that it was a mistake to include

19 mistakes that you perceived in her response. 20 Do I have that right? 21 A. Correct. 22 Q. Do you know -- do you see where it says, 23 HCMFA due to HCMLP as of June 30, 2020, let's just call 24 it \$12.3 million. 25 Do you see that?

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121 123 1 A. Yes. 1 was given to the retail board? Q. And above that there is a reference to the A. I likely did. I can't tell you for certain 3 6/30 financials. 3 that I was on the correspondence.

- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 Q. Do you know what the reference to the 6/30
- 7 financials is?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And what is that reference?
- 10 A. That is referencing the amounts on the
- 11 balance sheet at 6/30 that we provided for the 15(c)
- 12 materials to the board.
- Q. Okay. And does that \$12.3 million include,
- 14 to the best of your knowledge, the principal amount of
- the two notes that we were talking about?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 MR. RUKAVINA: Objection. Best evidence.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 O. (BY MR. MORRIS) And how do you know that?
- 20 A. Because I kept their financials, I know for a
- 21 fact that it included all of their outstanding notes
- 22 and it most certainly included these two notes that
- 23 we've been talking about today.
- 24 Q. And to the best of your recollection did
- 25 HCMFA provide the 6/30 financials to the retail board?

- Q. Do you recall any discussion at any time that
- 5 the \$12.3 million number in Ms. Thedford's email should
- 6 be changed in the final report to the retail board?
- A. I don't believe so.
- Q. Did anybody ever tell you at any time that
- 9 the \$12.3 million number was incorrect?
- 11 Q. Did anybody ever tell you at any time that
- 12 that number wrongly included the \$7.4 million reflected
- 13 in the two notes?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall that earlier that 15
- 16 summer -- we looked at Exhibit 15?
- 17 A. Yep.
- 18 Q. And that was an attachment to an email that
- 19 vou personally sent to Mr. Dondero. We saw that
- 20 before?

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- 21 A. Right.
- Q. And this Exhibit 15, which was attached to
- 23 your email, identifies amounts due and owing from
- 24 NexPoint Advisors; right?
- A. Right. 25

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number of different entities, including HCMFA; right?

Q. And it identifies amounts due and owing for a

- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Do you know whether the amount included for
- 5 HCMFA on Exhibit 15 included the principal amount due
- on the two promissory notes?
- A. It does.
- Q. Did Mr. Dondero or Mr. Waterhouse ever ask
- vou why -- withdrawn.
- 10 Did Mr. Dondero or Mr. Waterhouse ever ask
- 11 you how the \$10.5 million number was calculated?
- 12 A. No.
- O. Did Mr. Dondero or Mr. Waterhouse ever 13
- 14 suggest to you that the number was incorrect?
- 15 A. No.
- Q. Did Mr. Dondero or Mr. Waterhouse or anybody 16
- 17 in the world ever question the number that you gave to
- 18 Mr. Dondero in the summer of 2020 concerning the
- 19 principal amount due by HCMFA to HCMLP?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Have you ever made a payment -- withdrawn.
- 22 Have you ever caused a payment to be made in
- 23 connection with an intercompany loan without receiving
- 24 the prior approval from either Frank Waterhouse or
- 25 Mr. Dondero?

- 1 A. Yes.
  - Q. And to the best of your knowledge did
- 3 Mr. Dondero or Mr. Waterhouse or anybody in the world
- 4 ever tell you that the financial statements that were
- 5 provided to the retail board were erroneous in any way?
- 7 Q. Did Mr. Dondero or Mr. Waterhouse or anybody
- 8 in the world ever tell you that the 6/30 financials
- that were given to the retail board should not have
- 10 included the \$7.4 million principal amount on the two
- 11 promissory notes?
- 12 MR. RUKAVINA: Objection. Best evidence.
- 13 Answer.
- 14 THE WITNESS: No.
- Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) Do you know whether -- are
- 16 you at all familiar with the Advisors' actual response
- to the retail board in October 2020?
- 18 A. Say that again, please.
- 19 Q. So this email string is October 2020; right?
- 20 A. Right.
- Q. And do you understand that this is kind of a
- 22 discussion between Mr. Waterhouse and Ms. Thedford as
- to how to respond?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Have you ever seen the actual response that

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- 1 A. No.
- Q. Has anybody ever said to you that you made a
- 3 mistake in applying a payment against principal or
- 4 interest due on an intercompany loan?
- A. No.
- 6 Q. We saw this morning, and we produced to
- 7 Mr. Rukavina and he mentioned earlier, 13-week
- 8 forecasts? Do you understand that?
- 10 Q. Did you review the 13-week forecasts
- 11 recently?
- A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And we're talking specifically about the
- 14 13-week forecasts for the November/December 2020 time
- 15 period. Do you understand that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Based on your review of those forecasts, did
- 18 those forecasts specifically identify the principal and
- 19 interest that were due on the three term notes as of
- 20 December 28, 2020?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And what was the purpose of creating the
- 23 13-week forecasts?
- 24 A. Sure. That was to keep everybody informed
- 25 who was on the cash call, Frank Waterhouse, Jim Seery

- 1 A. Yes.
- O. And was that information that was included on
- 3 the reports to Mr. Waterhouse?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And do you recall whether there were any
- 6 specific discussions in November or December of 2020
- concerning those payments -- withdrawn. That wasn't a
- good question.
- Did Mr. Waterhouse or -- withdrawn.
  - Did anybody on behalf of HCMS or HCRE ever
- 11 instruct you to make the payments that were due under
- 12 their term notes?
- 13 A. No.

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- 14 Q. Did anybody on behalf of NexPoint ever
- 15 instruct you to make a payment that was due at year end
- 16 with respect to the NexPoint term note?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Were you authorized to make those payments
- without the prior approval of either Mr. Waterhouse or
- 20 Mr. Dondero?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. I think you testified that there were certain
- 23 payments that were made in January 2001 under each of
- 24 the three term notes.
- 25 Do I have that right?

- 1 and others, keep everybody informed of upcoming payments that were due on term loans well in advance.
- 3 Everybody knew about it. It was out there
- 4 for everybody to see that was on these cash calls.
- Q. Now, is it your understanding that
- 6 Mr. Waterhouse -- withdrawn.
- 7 Did you email these forecasts -- withdrawn.
- 8 Did anybody email these forecasts to the best
- of your recollection in late 2020?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And was it sent to the corporate accounting
- 12 group that we saw earlier?
- A. It was probably sent to Frank, Seery, the DSI
- guys that were involved with the cash call.
- Q. Okay. And so did you participate in the
- 16 creation of the 13-week forecasts?
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- 18 Q. What role did you play in the creation of the
- 19 13-week forecasts?
- 20 A. I was responsible for creating the entire
- 21 thing.
- 22 Q. Okay. And based on the work that you did,
- 23 was one of the purposes to make sure that
- 24 Mr. Waterhouse was aware of all payments that were
- 25 coming due under the intercompany notes?

- 1 A. Correct.
- MR. RUKAVINA: 2021. 2
- MR. MORRIS: Thank you very much. 3
- 4 Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) With that amendment, do you
- understand my question?
- 7 Q. Do you know why the three payments were made
- in January of 2021 on each of three term notes?
- A. Because Frank Waterhouse instructed me to do
- 10 so.
- 11 Q. And he had not instructed you to make those
- 12 payments prior to that time?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. Did you have to prompt Frank Waterhouse in
- 15 January of 2021 to make those payments?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. So based on the 13-week forecast that you
- 18 prepared and delivered to Mr. Waterhouse, is it your
- 19 understanding that Mr. Waterhouse knew as early as mid
- 20 November 2020 that payments would be due under the
- 21 three term notes at the end of the year?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And, in fact, did HCMS and HCRE and NexPoint
- 24 timely make their installment payments that were due at
- 25 year end 2018?

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Kristin Hendrix - October 27, 2021 129 131 1 A. Yes. 1 any reason they weren't, then they were going to raise Q. And was that done because HCMLP received the 2 an issue, a going concern issue. 3 instructions of somebody authorized to give the That came up several years in a row with 4 instruction on behalf of those entities? 4 HCMFA. A. Yes. Q. Do you recall that the three term notes at 6 Q. Did HCMS and HCRE and NexPoint timely make 6 issue here were all signed on May 31, 2017? 7 the installment payments that were due at year end A. Yes. Q. And all of those term notes involved a roll-up of previously issued demand notes; is that A. Yes. 10 Q. And why did they make those payments? 10 right? 11 11 A. Because we were provided instruction and A. Correct. Q. Do you know why in -- at the end of May 2017 12 authorization to do so. 12 13 NexPoint, HCRE, and HCMS rolled up their demand notes Q. Okay. And is the only reason that the 14 payment wasn't made at year end 2020 because nobody on 14 into individualized term notes? 15 behalf of the Advisors -- withdrawn. A. Yes. Q. What is your understanding as to why that Is the only reason that no payment was made 16 17 at the end of 2020 is because no one on behalf of 17 happened? 18 NexPoint, HCRE, or HCMS directed HCMLP to make those A. That would get the auditors a little bit more 18 payments? 19 comfort over our outstanding loans, ensuring that we A. Correct. 20 20 have an amortization schedule, an underlying contract, 21 MR. AIGEN: Objection. Form. 21 showing that payments will be coming in every year on Q. (BY MR. MORRIS) And you testified earlier to 22 these outstanding receivables. 23 a call that you had with Mr. Waterhouse. I think you 23 Q. Okay. As the person responsible for 24 said it was either November 30 or December 1. 24 preparing Highland's audit, did anybody ever tell you Do you recall that? 25 at any time that any of the notes were not valid 130 132 1 1 obligations of the maker? Q. And did you personally continue to prepare A. No. 3 the 13-week forecasts after your conversation with 3 Q. As the person responsible for Highland's 4 Mr. Waterhouse? 4 audit, did anybody ever tell you at any time that any 5 A. Yes. of the notes at issue should not have been signed? Q. And did those 13-week forecasts continue to A. No. 7 include the payments that were due under the three term 7 Q. As the person responsible for Highland's notes at the year end? audit, did anybody ever tell you at any time that any

- A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that's information that you gave to
- 11 Mr. Waterhouse; is that right?
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. Mr. Rukavina elicited from you the fact that
- payments of principal hadn't been made on demand notes
- 15 that were executed in favor of Mr. Dondero's
- 16 affiliates.
- 17 Do you recall that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. Was that a topic of conversation with
- PricewaterhouseCoopers at any time?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Can you tell me about that conversation?
- A. Sure. As part of our annual audit, the
- 24 auditors would, you know, make sure that our
- 25 receivables are collectible. And if they thought for

- of the notes at issue were signed by mistake?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Did anybody ever tell you at any time that --
- 12 withdrawn.
- 13 As the person responsible for Highland's
- audit, did anybody ever tell you at any time that
- 15 Mr. Dondero didn't approve of any of the notes?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. As the person responsible for Highland's
- 18 audit, did anybody ever tell you at any time that
- 19 the -- any of the notes at issue were subject to an
- 20 oral agreement?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. As the person responsible for Highland's
- 23 audit, did anybody ever tell you at any time that any
- 24 of the notes were amended?
- 25 A. No.

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1	Q. As the person responsible for Highland's	1	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER		
2	audit, did anybody ever tell you at any time that any	2	I, BRANDON D. COMBS, a Certified Shorthand		
3	of the notes would be forgiven?	3	T		
4	A. No.	4	foregoing deposition was by me duly sworn to tell the		
5	Q. During your 15 years at Highland, has an	5	truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the		
6	intercompany loan ever been forgiven in whole or in	6	within-entitled cause;		
7	part?	7	That said deposition was taken in shorthand by		
8	A. No.	8	me, a disinterested person, at the time and place		
9	Q. During your withdrawn.	9	therein stated, and that the testimony of the said		
10	Can you recall any note that Highland ever	10	witness was thereafter reduced to typewriting, by		
11	held as the payee that was forgiven in whole or in part		computer, under my direction and supervision;		
12	in the five years prior to bankruptcy, go back to 2014?	12	That before completion of the deposition,		
13	A. No.	13	review of the transcript was not requested. If		
14	Q. Is it your understanding as the person	14	requested, any changes made by the deponent (and		
15	responsible for Highland's audit that the forgiveness	15	provided to the reporter) during the period allowed are		
16	of notes, if they were in a material amount, would have	16	appended hereto.		
17	had to have been disclosed in the audited financial	17	I further certify that I am not of counsel or		
18	statements?	18	attorney for either or any of the parties to the said		
19	A. Yes.	19			
20	Q. So is it fair to say that any evidence of the	20	this cause, and that I am not related to any of the		
21	forgiveness of material amounts would have been	21	parties thereto.		
22	disclosed in Highland's financial statements?	22	<b>DATED:</b> November 1, 2021		
23	A. Yes.	23			
24	MR. MORRIS: I have no further questions.	24			
25	MR. RUKAVINA: I have none.	25	Brandon Combs, Certified Shorthand		
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1	MR. AIGEN: None.	1	State of Texas		
2	MR. RUKAVINA: Okay. Thank you very much.	1	Dickman Davenport, Inc. Cert 312		
3	(Whereupon, the deposition adjourned at	2	4228 North Central Expressway		
4	1:19 P.M.)		Suite 101, Dallas, TX 75206		
5	00	3	(214) 855-5100 (800) 445-9548		
6	I declare under penalty of perjury that the	١.	Email: info@dickmandavenport.com		
7	foregoing is true and correct. Subscribed at	4	4 www.dickmandavenport.com		
8	, Texas, this day of	5	My commission expires 1-31-23		
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